

DDS MEDICAL ADVISORY # 91-1
APPENDIX A

TABLE 1: EARLY WARNING SIGNS CHECKLIST

Early warning signs of psychotic relapse can include the occurrence of the following symptoms within days to weeks following neuroleptic dose reduction.

Before increasing neuroleptic dose, document the frequency and intensity of these behaviors for at least three days.

In some cases, the intensity or frequency of the behavior may warrant a dose increase before three days. Such decisions should occur after the physician examines the individual and has an opportunity to discuss the plan with the treatment team.

- Sleep Changes
- Appetite Changes
- Occurrence of Aggressive Behaviors
 - _____ Toward Self
 - _____ Toward Others
 - _____ Toward Objects
- Changes in motor activity: walking, running, pacing
- Talking non-sensically, screaming, making excessive or inappropriate noise
- Laughing or giggling
- Crying or sobbing with tears
- Sedation
- Lack of interest in usual activities
- Seclusiveness – spending unusual amounts of time alone
- Shaking, trembling and other involuntary movements
- Sweating
- Incontinence
- Preoccupation with one or two things
- Appearing too excited or agitated

Other
