

## ***Provincial Best Practice Algorithm for Accommodating and Managing Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia (BPSD)<sup>1</sup>***

### ***Pharmacological Treatment for BPSD***

- Medications are indicated for treatment of BPSD symptoms that are unresponsive to non-pharmacological interventions, severe or jeopardize the safety of a resident or others, often in conjunction with non-pharmacological interventions<sup>2</sup> and completed as part of individualized care planning.
- See [Part 1](#) of the algorithm for information and tools on care planning and non-pharmacological care approaches in BPSD
- Remember that prescribing and administering pharmacological interventions for BPSD requires careful consideration and planning. See “Behaviours that may respond to medications” in [Part 2](#) of the algorithm for further information.

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<sup>1</sup> Provincial Best Practice Algorithm for Accommodating and Managing Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia is located at [www.bcbpsd.ca](http://www.bcbpsd.ca)

<sup>2</sup> International Psychogeriatric Association (2012). Complete Guides to Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia Specialists Guide, Module 6: Pharmacological management, page 6.4.