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Client consent for tapering Benzodiazepine and Opiate based medication.

At Top of the World Ranch treatment center we are focused on providing a healing and therapeutic environment for all clients. Due to the highly addictive nature of benzodiazepines and opiate medications and the increased likelihood of abuse along with the sedative properties, we strongly discourage these medications in our program, unless the client is willing to taper from them.

In collaboration with our ranch physician, we will design a plan of care for our clients, slowly titrating down their dosage. The expected result being that this medication can be discontinued, ideally prior to their departure from our facility.

Once our client is no longer physically dependent on this medication, the medication will be discontinued and returned to our pharmacy for disposal. Benzodiazepine or opiate medications that are brought into programming by the client will not be returned upon discharge. If the taper cannot be completed prior to discharge, the Ranch staff, with assistance from our physician will transfer all medication tapers to the client's family GP to be continued in their community.

Our goal here is to provide our clients with the tools to be able to live a full and completely satisfying life without the aid of addicting medications.

Signature of Client: _____

Signature of Witness: _____

Date: _____