PHASE-20 — rating scale for possible drug-related symptoms

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□ Independently					
With support of relative/next of kin/P.O.A.					
With support of health professional Name:					
Tick the box next to the option that best describes the level of discomfort during the last two weeks. Please leave clarifying comments in the margin when necessary. Circle the words that best match the symptoms and cross out those that do not match.					
	No	Minor	Moderate	Severe	Comments
	problem	problem		problem	
1. Dizzy/unsteady/high risk of falls					
2. Tired/exhausted					
3. Poor sleep pattern/nightmares					
4. Abdominal pain/chest pain					
5. Headache					
6. Low mood					
7. Worried/anxious					
8. Irritable					
9. Forgetful					
10. Poor appetite					
11. Dry mouth					
12. Nausea/vomiting					
13. Diarrhoea					
14. Constipation					
15. Palpitations (rapid/irregular heartbeat)					
16. Swollen legs/ankles					
17. Short of breath					
18. Frequent urination/incontinent of urine					
19. Itching/rash					
20. Other symptoms, which you have experienced during the past two weeks, (for example pain), indicate which.					
□ Minor problem □ Moderate problem □ Severe problem					

User-instructions for PHASE-20

The purpose of PHASE-20 (PHArmacotherapeutical Symptom Evaluation - 20 questions) scale is to assess if you experience symptoms that may be related to your medications. Your health practitioner greatly appreciates your help with this.

Tick the box that best describes the symptoms you have had over the **last two weeks**. Please use the comments box if you want to say something specific about a certain symptom.

Where more than one symptom is mentioned, for example dizzy/unsteady/high risk of falls, please circle the one that concerns you the most, or indicate that you are not affected by it by crossing it out.

Example: If you feel very "unsteady" but not "dizzy", write dizzy/unsteady high risk of falls

For relatives who may need to assist the completion of this document

Note that your relative should make the rating of the symptoms independently and without influence, as much as possible. Your task is primarily to help read and ask about each of the symptoms and complete the form. Keep in mind that it only concerns the last two weeks.

If you are assessing the symptoms as the representative of the patient, this should be noted on the form as it is important for the heath practitioner to know.

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