

**Mental Health Nursing
Class Preparation
Schizophrenia**

1. What are positive symptoms of Schizophrenia? Describe at least three.

-Positive symptoms are added onto the personality that are normally not there. Occuring from overactive dopamine in the system can be found in CT findings.

-Hallucinations are false sensory perceptions not associated with real external stimuli.

-Magical thinking is ideas that one's thoughts or behaviors have control over specific situations.

-Loose association is a shift of ideas from one unrelated topic to another

2. What are negative symptoms of Schizophrenia? Describe at least three.

-Negative symptoms are the absence of behaviors most people have.

-Anhedonia is not being able to experience pleasure.

-Alogia is poor speech.

-Flat affect a blank expression on your face.

3. List three Conventional Antipsychotics and their main side effects.

-Chlorpromazine

-Fluphenazine

-Haloperidol

-Main side effects can include EPS symptoms dystonia, akathisia, tardive dyskinesia, and parkinsonism.

4. List three Atypical Antipsychotics and their main side effects.

-Clozapine (r/f agranulocytosis)

-Risperidone

-Olanzapine

-Main side effects can include risk for metabolic syndrome, weight gain, increased blood glucose, increased triglyceride levels, and insulin resistance. (r/f NMS)

5. What is the difference between Conventional antipsychotics and atypical antipsychotics?

-The difference between conventional and atypical antipsychotics is atypical has a lower risk for EPS symptoms, conventional treats positive symptoms, and atypical can treat both positive and negative symptoms with a risk for metabolic syndrome.