

**Mental Health Nursing  
Class Preparation  
Schizophrenia**

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

(Disturbances in content of thought)

**Delusions: False personal beliefs (persecutory, grandiose, somatic, paranoid): concrete thinking, neologisms, word salad, mutism**

Alteration in perception)

**Hallucination: false sensory perception not associated with real external stimuli (auditory, visual, tactile, gustatory, olfactory).**

**Illusions: misperceptions of real external stimuli**

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

The absence of essential human qualities

**Anhedonia, Avolition, Affective blunting, Apathy, Alogia**

Affect: Outward expression of a person's internal emotional state

**Flat, Blunted, Inappropriate, Bizarre**

Impaired interpersonal functioning and relationship to the external world

**Impaired social interaction, social isolation**

Deterioration in appearance:

**Impaired personal grooming and self-care activities**

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

Meds: Haloperidol, Fluphenazine, Trifluoperazine

SE: (EPS) dystonia, parkinsonism, akathisia, tardive dyskinesia, neuroleptic syndrome

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

Meds: Risperidone, Clozapine, Paliperidone

SE: metabolic sx: weight gain, dyslipidemia, hyperglycemia, insulin resistance

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

The difference between conventional and atypical antipsychotics is that the conventional only treats positive schizophrenia symptoms while atypical treats both positive and negative symptoms and has fewer side effects.