

**Mental Health Nursing**  
**Class Preparation**  
**Schizophrenia**

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

1. Disturbances in content of Thought
  - Delusions
  - Persecutory
  - Grandiose
  - Somatic
  - Paranoid
2. Form of Thought
  - Concrete thinking
  - Loose association
  - Neologisms
  - Word salad
3. Alterations in perception
  - Hallucinations
  - Illusions

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

1. The absence of essential human qualities
  - Anhedonia
  - Affective blunting
  - Apathy
2. Affect (outward expression of mood)
  - Flat
  - Blunted
  - Inappropriate
3. Impaired interpersonal functioning and relationship to the external world
  - Impaired social interaction
  - Social isolation

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

Haloperidol: tachycardia, drowsiness, restlessness  
loxapine: confusion, blurred vision, dizziness  
Thioridazine: dry mouth, weight gain, erectile dysfunction

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

Aripiprazole: restlessness, nausea, constipation  
clozapine: constipation, dizziness, sweating  
Risperidone: Aggressive behavior, anxiety, blurred vision

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

conventional antipsychotics are 1st generation meds that treat positive symptoms of schizophrenia only and has more extrapyramidal side effects that can be treated with benztropine. Atypical antipsychotics treat positive and negative symptoms of schizophrenia and also produce less extrapyramidal side effects compared to conventional antipsychotics.