

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

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

Disturbances in content of thought like delusions

Form of thought, for example magical thinking or word salad where they group words together randomly

Alterations in perception, which refers to hallucinations

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

The absence of essential human qualities

Impaired interpersonal functioning and relationship to the external world

Deterioration in appearance, like impaired personal grooming and self-care activities.

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

Trifluoperazine

Loxapine

Chlorpromazine

Main side effects are the EPS side effects which include; acute dystonia, parkinsonism, TD, akathisia, and agranulocytosis

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

Risperidone, High eps symptoms

Olanzapine and Aripiprazole, weight gain, diabetes, and dyslipidemia

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

Atypical antipsychotic meds target both negative and positive schizophrenia symptoms while conventional antipsychotic meds target only positive symptoms.