

Mental Health Nursing
Class Preparation
Schizophrenia

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

Positive symptoms in schizophrenia are when there is a presence of something that isn't there. This can include delusions, disorganized speech and hallucinations.

Paranoid delusions- having a false belief that someone or something is trying to harm them

Olfactory hallucinations- smelling something that isn't there

Grandiose delusion- this is when they feel as if they hold a special power or is a person in power

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

Negative symptoms of schizophrenia is when there is an absence of something that should be present.

Alogia- lack of speech

Avolition- lack of motivation or goals

Anhedonia- inability to express pleasure

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

- Chlorpromazine
- Haloperidol
- Fluphenazine

The main side effects in conventional antipsychotic meds are extrapyramidal side effects such as dystonia, akathisia, parkinsonism, and tardive dyskinesia.

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

- Aripiprazole
- Olanzapine
- Risperidone

The main side effects in atypical antipsychotics is the risk of metabolic syndrome (increased weight, increased blood sugar, increased triglycerides levels and insulin resistance).

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

The difference between conventional and atypical psychotics is that atypical psychotics have a lower risk of EPS.