

**Mental Health Nursing
Class Preparation
Schizophrenia**

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

- Delusions- false belief or judgement about external reality
- Hallucinations- apparent perception of something that is not present
- Magical thinking- the belief that one's ideas could influence the course of events in the world

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

- Anhedonia- loss of joy and pleasure in life
- Apathy- lack of interest or enthusiasm
- Social Isolation or impaired social interaction- withdrawn or self isolating

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

- Chlorpromazine (Thorazine)
- Fluphenazine (Prolixin)
- Haloperidol (Haldol)

Side effects:

- Dystonic reaction
- Akathisia
- Parkinsonism
- Tardive dyskinesia

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

- clozapine (Clozaril)
- risperadone (Risperdal)
- quetiapine (Seroquel)
- olanzapine (Zyprexa)

Side effects:

- Risk of metabolic syndrome
- Increased weight
- Increased blood glucose
- Increased triglyceride levels
- Insulin resistance
- Lower risk of EPS

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

Atypical target negative and positive symptoms of schizophrenia.