

## IM6 Guided Reflection Questions

### Schizophrenia / Invega

1. How would you address the question “What is the benefit to me to use a long-acting antipsychotic medication such as Invega over just taking some pills every day”? Fully explore the potential benefits for the patient.

The benefits of the long acting medication are that the health care providers are able to prove that the patient is taking their medication, taking a medication by mouth daily is hard to keep up with especially if you have a mental illness. The IM injection is not needed as often so it just easier to remember and to be more conforming.

2. What resources might you be able to provide a patient who is prescribed a long-acting antipsychotic medication such as Invega?

A support group with other people who are experiencing the same illness or even the same medication. A medical personnel just in case the patient needs to get in contact with someone when experiencing side effects.

3. What are some possible resources you can provide or direct a patient to if the long-acting medication is not affordable to them?

You could guide them to some kind of financial support, or set them up with a payment plan so they are able to pay in small amounts and are still able to take their medication.

4. How will the knowledge about the availability of long-acting antipsychotic medication impact your future nursing practice?

Now that I know how expensive the medication can be, so if patients do not want to medication I can understand why it can be a financial struggle and they do not what to go through with that. That is something I will always remember if I do go into this field of nursing.

5. What areas can you identify that you need improvement on in administering a long-acting antipsychotic medication such as Invega in order to meet the criteria for the CPE? (Now work on that!)

The area that I need to improve on is the consent form, I need to know what to say to the patient and how to come across to the patient in a way that will persuade them into taking the medication without taking advantage.