

## 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.
  - a. By taking the long-acting antipsychotic medication you no longer have to worry about taking a pill every single day. You just come in for an initial dose, then a week later for another dose but at a lower amount, and then you come for your maintenance dose once a month. That means rather than taking 365 pills you can achieve the same therapeutic effect and only come in 12 times a year.
2. What resources might you be able to provide a patient who is prescribed a long-acting antipsychotic medication such as Invega?
  - a. A reduced payment plan
  - b. Community clinic to get shots
3. What are some possible resources you can provide or direct a patient to if the long-acting medication is not affordable to them?
  - a. Community Health Centers
  - b. Assistance programs ran by the State or by nonprofit groups
  - c. Patient Assistance Programs ran by Drug Companies
4. How will the knowledge about the availability of long-acting antipsychotic medication impact your future nursing practice?
  - a. This knowledge impacted my nursing practice because this makes things easier for our patients. They are able to have it easier by not having to take a pill every single day and just come in according to their medication regimen.

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!)
- a. I need to work on not depending on my paper when providing patient teaching.
  - b. I need to work on not saying um or getting nervous when administering the medication.
  - c. I need to remember to shake before admin and aspirate the medication.