

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.
 - Taking a long-acting antipsychotic medication will reduce the symptoms and will help with medication adherence, rather than taking a pill every day an injection will be given every four weeks.

2. What resources might you be able to provide a patient who is prescribed a long-acting antipsychotic medication such as Invega?
 - National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
 - National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

3. What are some possible resources you can provide or direct a patient to if the long-acting medication is not affordable to them?
 - The Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) or Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)

4. How will the knowledge about the availability of long-acting antipsychotic medication impact your future nursing practice?
 - Knowing how expensive this medication is. This will impact my nursing career before preparing the medication and drawing it up, I will always be sure to obtain consent first.

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!)
 - I will be sure to have my consent script down, and practice going through the steps of the CPE at home and remember to shake the medication, and make sure my consent form gets signed!