

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.

One benefit is that it allows for the patient to adhere to the medication easier. They no longer have to remember to take a pill every day and only have to get a shot once a month. This allows them to be a little freer and not have to have to remember every day. They do not have to worry if they took their pill and whoever is giving the medication can make sure that the patient gets the right amount that they need.

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

You could provide a drug insert or information page to allow the patient to find all the information they may want to know about the drug. Another good resource you could provide is closer hospitals or clinics they could use to get the injection so that they do not have to travel as much. Lastly you could direct them to support groups which could have other people that take the same medication, and they can tell their experience with the medication.

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 get case management to help the patient find ways to afford it. Another resource could be directing them to a community health center which may help them with the cost.

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

I will try to always keep in mind that it is available so that if I have a patient that is having trouble being adherent with their medications, I can be an advocate for them and recommend the use of them.

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 need improvement being confident when going through the steps so that I do not forget any. I also need to be sure to remember to aspirate when giving the med. Lastly, I need to be sure to remember to shake the medication before the administration.