

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.
 - Long-acting medications allow the patient to experience less schizophrenic symptoms than taking pills every day. It stays in the system longer and it is easier for the patient to maintain rather than having to take oral medication every day.
2. What resources might you be able to provide a patient who is prescribed a long-acting antipsychotic medication such as Invega?
 - I will give the patient the Invega Sustenna patient information sheets from the medication website. I can also print out other resources that the patient needs if necessary.
3. What are some possible resources you can provide or direct a patient to if the long-acting medication is not affordable to them?
 - I can provide them with case management and they can possibly assist with the financial aspect, or obtain a voucher for this patient. I can as well let the patient know about script rx that pharmacies provide for a more affordable option.
4. How will the knowledge about the availability of long-acting antipsychotic medication impact your future nursing practice?
 - It will impact my future when addressing patients who might need this particular medication. I think that it is a good option for those who qualify for it and who aren't as good at the compliance of taking an oral every-day medication.
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 think that I need to work on the drawing up of the medication for administration. I got to administer so many covid vaccines and I feel comfortable administering an IM injection, I just did not have the opportunity to draw up the medication.