

NR 546 Week 3 Discussion: Schizophrenia

1. Select one drug to treat the diagnosis(es) or symptoms.
2. List medication class and mechanism of action for the chosen medication.
3. Write the prescription in prescription format.
4. Provide an evidence-based rationale for the selected medication
5. List any side effects or adverse effects associated with the medication.
6. Include any required diagnostic testing. State the time frame for this testing (testing is before medication initiation or q 3 months, etc.). Includes normal results range for any listed laboratory tests.
7. Provide a minimum of three appropriate medication-related teaching points for the client and/or family.

Schizophrenia can be a debilitating chronic and severe mental disorder that can affect how a person thinks, feels, and behaves. These symptoms typically appear in late adolescence or early adulthood. This disorder can have devastating effects on families all while having a major impact on the patient's psychological, education, emotional, functional perception, and social abilities throughout the client's lifespan (Newman, 2020).

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The goal here is to decrease and possibly eliminate symptoms, prevent relapse, and best help the patient become a productive member of society. Treatment usually involves a combination of antipsychotic medications and psychotherapy (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2016). The medication I have chosen to help treat KB is Zyprexa.

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