





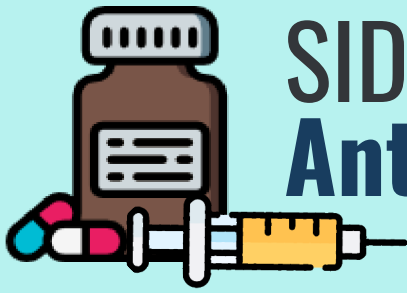




# Will an antipsychotic medication help?

Behaviour Cluster	May respond	Unlikely to respond
 <b>Psychosis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delusions</li><li>• Hallucinations</li><li>• Misidentification</li><li>• Suspicious</li></ul>	
 <b>Reactive Behaviours</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Defensive</li><li>• Physical</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verbal</li><li>• Resistance to care</li></ul>
 <b>Agitation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Restless</li><li>• Anxious</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dressing/undressing</li><li>• Pacing</li><li>• Exit seeking</li><li>• Repetitive actions</li></ul>
 <b>Mania</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Euphoria</li><li>• Irritability</li><li>• Pressured speech</li></ul>
 <b>Apathy</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Amotivation</li><li>• Lack of interest</li><li>• Withdrawn</li></ul>
 <b>Other</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hiding or hoarding</li><li>• Wandering without reactive behaviour</li><li>• Disinhibition (e.g. sexual)</li></ul>



# SIDE EFFECTS: Antipsychotic Medication

Remember to monitor for for these side effects that can be overlooked in older adults

## Extrapyramidal Side Effects

### Pseudoparkinsonism:



- Stooped posture
- Shuffling gait
- Rigidity
- Bradykinesia (slow movement)
- Tremors at rest
- Pill rolling motion of the hand
- Masked facial expression

20-40% of people on antipsychotics will develop these symptoms

### Dystonia



- Facial grimacing
- Involuntary upward eye movement
- Muscle spasms of the tongue, face, neck, and back
- Muscle spasms are painful
- Laryngeal spasms

25-40% of people on antipsychotics will develop dystonia

### Akathisia:



- Restlessness
- Trouble standing or sitting still
- Pacing the floor
- Feet in constant motion
- Uncomfortable but not painful
- Rocking back and forth

5-36% of people on antipsychotics will develop akathisia

### Tardive Dyskinesia:



- Protrusion and rolling of the tongue
- Sucking a lip smacking
- Chewing motion
- Involuntary movements of the face body or extremities

About 30% of people on long term 1st generation antipsychotics will develop TD

## Anticholinergic effects

- Increased temperature
- Decreased sweating
- Increased heart rate
- Blurred vision
- Dry mouth
- Constipation
- Urinary retention
- Decreased cognition
- Delirium

## Other Side Effects include:

- Sedation/drowsiness
- Orthostatic hypotension
- Falls
- CVA/TIA or symptoms of CVA/TIA
- Change in abilities – may improve or decline with changes in medication (e.g. activities of daily living, communication)