

Drug Category: Antipsychotics

| Drug Name | Generic |
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| Haldol | Haloperidol |
| Clozaril | Clozapine |
| Abilify | Aripiprazole |
| Risperdal | Risperidone |
| Seroquel | Quetiapine |
| Thorazine | Chlorpromazine |
| Zyprexa | Olanzapine |

S - Situation

Symptoms associated with antipsychotics:

- Blurred vision
- Constipation
- Dry mouth
- Weight gain

B - Background

- Indications (not limited to): Schizophrenia and bipolar disorder to control psychotic symptoms such as hallucinations, delusions, or mania.
- Other diagnoses, co-morbidities, other medications, recent medication changes, recent pertinent labs.
- Significant drug interactions: anticonvulsants, Parkinson's drugs, antihistamines, antidepressants, barbiturates, sleeping and pain medications, and narcotics.

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| S | Situation: patient's / client's details - identify reason for this communication, describe your concern |
| B | Background: relating to the patient / client, significant history - this may include medications, investigations, treatments |
| A | Assessment: your assessment of the patient / client or situation - this can include clinical impression, concerns, vital signs, early warning score |
| R | Recommendations: be specific - explain what you need, make suggestions, clarify expectations, confirm actions to be taken |

A - Assessment / Appearance

- Change in vital signs (e.g., decreased or increased blood pressure, increased pulse)
- Skin color changes
- Change in behavior or mental status

R - Recommendations / Requests

Contact the resident's physician or practitioner to ask:

- Do the changes reported indicate adverse effects of the medication?
- Is there an appropriate indication for use?
- Is use of the medication only for the duration needed, and at the lowest effective dose?
- Is there effectiveness in achieving the therapy goal?
- Drowsiness or sedation
- Involuntary movements
- Muscle spasms or tremors (can be severe)

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