

# **NURS 6630 Week 6 Assignment: Assessing and Treating Clients With Psychosis and Schizophrenia**

Psychosis and schizophrenia greatly impact the brain's normal processes, which interferes with the ability to think clearly. When symptoms of these disorders are uncontrolled, clients may struggle to function in daily life. However, clients often thrive when properly diagnosed and treated under the close supervision of a psychiatric mental health practitioner. For this Assignment, as you examine the client case study in this week's Learning Resources, consider how you might assess and treat clients presenting with psychosis and schizophrenia.

## **Learning Resources**

Note: To access this week's required library resources, please click on the link to the Course Readings List, found in the Course Materials section of your Syllabus.

## **Required Readings**

Note: All Stahl resources can be accessed through the Walden Library using this link. This link will take you to a log-in page for the Walden Library. Once you log into the library, the Stahl website will appear.

Stahl, S. M. (2013). *Stahl's essential psychopharmacology: Neuroscientific basis and practical applications* (4th ed.). New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.

To access the following chapters, click on the Essential Psychopharmacology, 4th ed tab on the Stahl Online website and select the appropriate chapter. Be sure to read all sections on the left navigation bar for each chapter.

Chapter 4, "Psychosis and Schizophrenia"

Chapter 5, "Antipsychotic Agents"

Stahl, S. M. (2014b)NURS 6630 – Psychopharmacologic Approaches to Treatment of Psychopathology Essay Assignment . The prescriber's guide (5th ed.). New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.

To access information on the following medications, click on The Prescriber's Guide, 5th ed tab on the Stahl Online website and select the appropriate medication.NURS 6630 – Psychopharmacologic Approaches to Treatment of Psychopathology Essay Assignment

Review the following medications:

- amisulpride
- aripiprazole
- asenapine
- chlorpromazine
- clozapine
- flupenthixol
- fluphenazine
- haloperidol
- iloperidone
- loxapine
- lurasidone
- olanzapine
- paliperidone
- perphenazine
- quetiapine
- risperidone
- sulpiride
- thioridazine
- thiothixene
- trifluoperazine
- ziprasidone

Naber, D., & Lambert, M. (2009). The CATIE and CUtLASS studies in schizophrenia: Results and implications for clinicians. *CNS Drugs*, 23(8), 649-659.

doi:10.2165/00023210-200923080-00002

Note: Retrieved from Walden Library databases.

Document: Midterm Exam Study Guide (PDF)

Kay, S. R., Fiszbein, A., & Opler, L. A. (1987). The Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale (PANSS) for schizophrenia. *Schizophrenia Bulletin*, 13(2), 261-276. NURS 6630 – Psychopharmacologic Approaches to Treatment of Psychopathology Essay Assignment

Note: Retrieved from Walden Library databases.

Clozapine REMS. (2015). Clozapine REMS: The single shared system for clozapine.

Retrieved from

[https://www.clozapinerems.com/CpmgClozapineUI/remss/pdf/resources/Clozapine\\_REMS\\_A\\_Guide\\_for\\_Healthcare\\_Providers.pdf](https://www.clozapinerems.com/CpmgClozapineUI/remss/pdf/resources/Clozapine_REMS_A_Guide_for_Healthcare_Providers.pdf)

Walden University. (2016). ASC success strategies: Studying for and taking a test.

Retrieved from <http://academicguides.waldenu.edu/ASCsuccess/ASCtesting>

### **Required Media**

Laureate Education. (2016j). Case study: Pakistani woman with delusional thought processes [Interactive media file]. Baltimore, MD: Author

Note: This case study will serve as the foundation for this week's Assignment.

### **Optional Resources**

Chakos, M., Patel, J. K., Rosenheck, R., Glick, I. D., Hammer, M. B., Tapp, A., & ... Miller, D. (2011). Concomitant psychotropic medication use during treatment of schizophrenia patients: Longitudinal results from the CATIE study. *Clinical Schizophrenia & Related Psychoses*, 5(3), 124-134. doi:10.3371/CSRP.5.3.2

Fangfang, S., Stock, E. M., Copeland, L. A., Zeber, J. E., Ahmedani, B. K., & Morissette, S. B. (2014). Polypharmacy with antipsychotic drugs in patients with schizophrenia: Trends in multiple health care systems. *American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy*, 71(9), 728-738. doi:10.2146/ajhp130471NURS 6630 – Psychopharmacologic Approaches to Treatment of Psychopathology Essay Assignment

Lin, L. A., Rosenheck, R., Sugar, C., & Zbrozek, A. (2015). Comparing antipsychotic treatments for schizophrenia: A health state approach. *The Psychiatric Quarterly*, 86(1), 107-121. doi:10.1007/s11126-014-9326-2

**To prepare for this Assignment:**

Review this week's Learning Resources. Consider how to assess and treat clients requiring anxiolytic therapy