

MANAGEMENT OF SIDE EFFECTS OF ANTIPSYCHOTICS AND ANTIDEPRESSANTS-EDUCATING PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS

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ABSTRACT

Terminologies at a Glance

Depression

It is a pathological mood disturbance characterized by persistent feelings of sadness, low mood, lack of pleasure and worthlessness for at least 15 days.

Psychosis

One of the groups of mental disorders that feature loss of contact with reality. Psychotic disorder manifests some of the following: delusion, hallucination, severe thought disturbances and bizarre behaviour. Schizophrenia is an example of psychotic disorder.

Extra pyramidal symptoms (EPS) are various movement disorders such as acute dystonic reactions, pseudo parkinsonism, or akathisia suffered as a result of taking antipsychotic (neuroleptic) drugs, which are often used to control psychosis, schizophrenia.

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