

Problem Solving In Your Recovery Journey

Exploring Solutions: Medication Options

If you live with schizophrenia, antipsychotic medication is an option that can help you control some of the symptoms of your illness.

If you believe medication might help you, there are options and choices. You should always speak with your doctor about the risks and benefits of any medication.



Short-Acting Medication for Schizophrenia

Oral medications

are taken every day or multiple times a day.



Oral
Solution



Dissolvable
Tablets



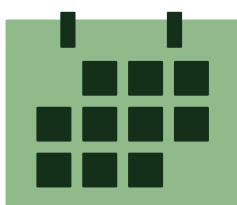
Pills

Long-Acting Medication for Schizophrenia

Long-acting injectable medication

Long-acting injectable medication slowly releases medicine into your body over time to manage symptoms.

These injections are given by a healthcare professional once or twice a month or even less frequently depending on the specific product.



Long-acting medication stays in the body longer, which is why you don't have to take it as often.

Medication Considerations

If medication is part of your treatment plan, you can begin a conversation with your doctor about the best medication for YOUR needs.



What symptoms do you need help with?



What do you and your doctor expect the medicine to do?



What medication have you tried in the past?



What risks and side effects are you most worried about?



What is the difference between short-acting and long-acting medications?



How will you pay for the medication?



Do you have issues taking your medications regularly?

Long-Acting Injectable Medication FAQs

Who gives the long-acting medication?

A doctor or another trained healthcare professional.



In what part of the body is the long-acting injection given?

Typically, in the upper arm or buttocks.

Where would I go to have the long-acting injection?

Injections may be given by a doctor or another trained healthcare professional in their office or a mental health clinic. Your healthcare professional will let you know the options of where you can go to receive the injection. If prescribed, getting the injection can become part of your routine.

Does taking a long-acting injectable mean a person is sicker?

No. It's just a different way of taking antipsychotic medicine.

Remember, a **long-acting injectable medication** is different from **short-acting injections** that are mainly used during a crisis situation like in the emergency room. Long-acting injection medication slowly releases medicine into your body over time to manage symptoms.

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