

Continuing Professional Development Program

Patient Record Audit Tool: Established diagnosis of Schizophrenia



The Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists



The RANZCP clinical practice guidelines for the management of schizophrenia and related disorders are available at www.ranzcp.org/guidelines

Note: Audit to be used with patients diagnosed with schizophrenia between 12-18 months ago			
Audit Number (e.g. 1 of 5)	/	Date	
Did you prescribe this patient second-generation antipsychotic in preference to first-generation antipsychotic agents?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
If at least 2 antipsychotic medications with adequate dose, duration and adherence were unsuccessful for this patient, did you consider clozapine within 6 to 12 months?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes to trialling clozapine: - Did this trial continue for 12 months to allow for late responders? - Did you ensure that the patient was monitored for metabolic side effects of clozapine? - Did you ensure the patient was informed about the potential side effects of smoking and smoking cessation with clozapine?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
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Is treatment weight gain a consideration with this patient?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes; did you consider adding metformin or switching to a weight-neutral antipsychotic?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Management of physical health			
Do you perform or liaise with the patient's GP to ensure there is regular screening and interventions for cardiometabolic problems?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
If your management differed from guideline recommendations: - Why? (E.g. access to services, patient treatment preference, variation in individual response etc.) - Were these reasons clearly documented in the clinical notes?			
<i>Please continue overleaf if required</i>			
Areas for improvement			
Plan for implementation of areas for improvement			
Comments / Recommendations			

Additional notes if required

The development of this audit tool is an iterative process and the RANZCP Committee for Evidence-Based Practice welcomes feedback on any aspect of this tool via policy@ranzcp.org

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