

## Approximate relative frequency of common adverse effects of antipsychotics [NB1] [NB2] [NB3] [NB4]

Drug	Anticholinergic effects	Cardiometabolic effects	Extrapyramidal effects [NB5]	Hyperprolactinaemia	Orthostatic hypotension [NB5]	Sedation [NB5]	QT-interval prolongation
amisulpride	–	+	+	+++	– to +	+	++ to +++
aripiprazole	– to +	– to +	+	–	+	– to +	– to +
asenapine	+	+	+ to ++	+	+	+	+
brexpiprazole	– to +	– to +	+	–	– to +	– to +	– to +
cariprazine	– to +	– to +	+	–	– to +	– to +	– to +
chlorpromazine	++	++ to +++	++	++	++	++ to +++	++
clozapine [NB6]	+++	+++	–	–	+++	+++	+ to ++
flupentixol	++	++	++ to +++	– to +	+	+	++
haloperidol	+	+ to ++	+++	++	+ to ++	+	+++
lurasidone	– to +	– to +	+ to ++	+	– to +	+	– to +
olanzapine	++	+++	– to +	+	+ to ++	++	+ to ++
paliperidone	+	++	+	+++	+ to ++	+	+
periciazine	+++	++	+	+++	++	+++	limited or no data
quetiapine	+++	++ to +++	– to +	– to +	++	++ to +++	+ to ++
risperidone	+	++	+	+++	+ to ++	+	+ to ++
ziprasidone	+	+	+	+	+	++	+++
zuclopenthixol	++	++	++ to +++	+++	+	+++	limited or no data

Approximate frequencies of adverse effects: – = negligible or absent; + = infrequent; ++ = moderately frequent; +++ = frequent

NB1: The information in this table is based on a combination of reported adverse effect data and expert opinion; it is intended as a guide only and should be interpreted in the context of the patient (eg concurrent drugs, drug history, physical health, interindividual variation in pharmacokinetics). Adverse effects are similar with oral and long-acting injectable formulations, and are more likely with high doses. Consult a drug information resource for comprehensive information on antipsychotic adverse effects.

NB2: A rare adverse effect of antipsychotics is neuroleptic malignant syndrome.

NB3: Limited data suggest adverse effects may be more severe in children than in adults.

NB4: This table lists the approximate relative frequency of adverse effects, not the intensity with which they occur.

NB5: This adverse effect is generally more frequent when starting an antipsychotic or with a rapid dose increase, or starting or stopping an interacting drug.

NB6: For additional information on clozapine adverse effects, see 'Clozapine for treatment-resistant schizophrenia in adults and young people' in *Therapeutic Guidelines*.