

# Florida Best Practice Medication Guidelines

## Principles of Practice for Antipsychotics Use in Adults



In the context of dementia, anxiety disorders, and impulse control disorders:

- **Antipsychotics have at best modest and variable benefits**
  - Risks are not insignificant
  - No difference in efficacy between FGAs and SGAs
  - FGAs and SGAs are heterogenous within class and differ in many properties:
    - ◇ efficacy
    - ◇ side effects
    - ◇ pharmacology
  - Carry EPS (extrapyramidal symptoms) risks and metabolic effects

- **Use in these conditions should be:**
  - Targeted
  - After other alternative treatments have been tried
  - Generally short term
  - Monitored with periodic re-evaluation of benefits and risks
  - Prescribed at the minimal effective dose