Common Antipsychotic Medications for Older Adults with Dementia

Did you know that certain behaviours in older adults with dementia may respond to the use of antipsychotic medications while others may not?

Common Antipsychotic medications include:

- Aripiprazole
- Clozapine
- Haloperidol
- Loxapine
- Nozinan
- Olanzapine
- Perphenazine
- Quetiapine
- Risperidone
- Trifluoperazine

Behaviours that **do** respond to Antipsychotics

- Delusions
- Hallucinations
- Physical Aggression

Behaviours that **do not** respond to Antipsychotics

- Calling out
- Hoarding / Hiding
- Eating inedibles
- Insomnia
- Pacing
- Repetitive dressing / undressing
- Shadowing
- Uncooperativeness
- Wandering
- Voiding in inappropriate areas

Remember, all behaviour has meaning.

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