

Antipsychotic Selection in Schizophrenia	
<b>Step 1</b>	Select the first antipsychotic based on tolerability, engaging the patient in the decision. Aripiprazole, risperidone, ziprasidone, and cariprazine are good starting places. If it's not tolerable, switch to an option with a different side effect profile (see the "Side Effects of Atypical Antipsychotics" table on page 2).
<b>Step 2</b>	If response to the first-line antipsychotic is inadequate after 4 weeks, move to olanzapine, risperidone, or a first-generation antipsychotic. The choice should be based on tolerability, though severe symptoms would point toward olanzapine.
<b>Step 3</b>	After 2 failures from lack of response, move to clozapine.

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