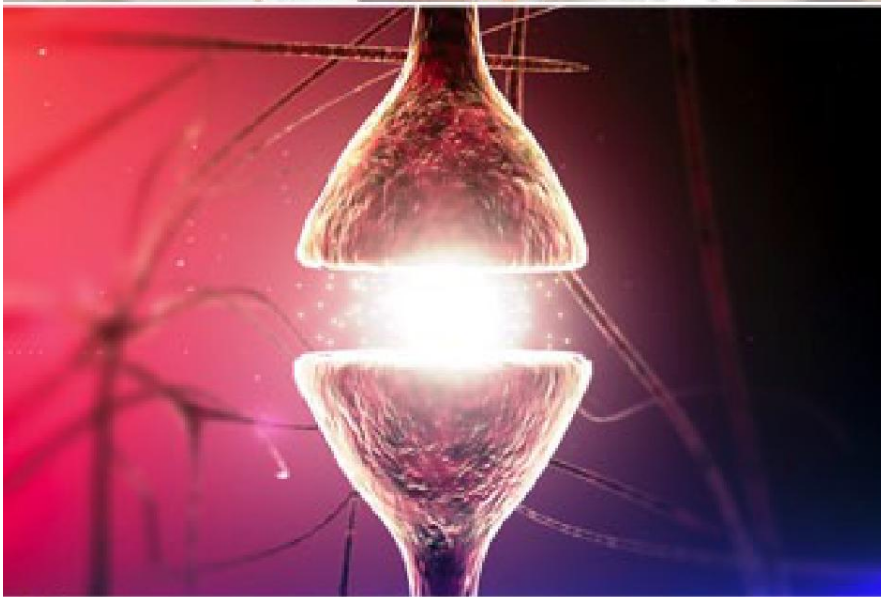




Antipsychotics



Overview

These medications help manage psychotic disorders. We're talking about problems of the mind that cause you to see or hear things that aren't there, or to believe things that aren't true. Antipsychotics reduce these symptoms. They can improve the quality of your life.

How They Work

Antipsychotics change the balance of chemicals in your brain. They affect neurotransmitters. These natural chemicals help signals pass between nerve cells. Antipsychotic medications mainly block one of those chemicals, called "dopamine." That tends to reduce the symptoms of psychotic disorders.

Types of Medications

There are several types of antipsychotic medications, and they affect your brain in different ways. Not all types are effective for all people. Your doctor may have you try a few different medications before finding the one that's right for you.

Conclusion

If you are taking an antipsychotic, follow all of your doctor's instructions and advice. Take it only as directed. Don't change your dose, and don't stop taking it without talking to your doctor. That can be really dangerous. Talk to your doctor for more information about the safe use and possible side effects of antipsychotics.

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