

How side effects of meds can impact BIPs

Psychotropic Medication/Class	Side Effects	How this could impact BIPs/Functions of behavior
Antipsychotics	Sedation, weight gain, rashes, and movement disorders such a tardive dyskensia and akathisia	"Could look like escape from tasks Could look like attention maintained Could look like agitation Could result in aggression"
Antiepileptics	Vertigo, drowsiness, unsteadiness, increased appetite, nausea, vomiting, and dizziness	"Could look like response to un-preferred tasks Could look like escape Edibles may all of the sudden be reinforcers Edibles may all of the sudden not have reinforcing qualities"
Antidepressants	increased agitation, hypomania, insomnia, headache, dry mouth, appetite suppression, decreased libido, drowsiness, and gastrointestinal symptoms	"Could result in self-injury to dislocate headache pain Edibles may not longer be reinforcing Could look like escape from tasks"
Anxiolytics	Sedation, disinhibition, hyperactivity, irritability, and possible cognitive impairment	"Could look like attention seeking behaviors Could look like escape Could result in aggression or property destruction"
Mood Stabilizers	Finger tremors, vomiting, chronic nausea, severe diarrhea, ataxia, coma, convulsions, edema, hyothyroidism, weight gain, and polyuria	"Edibles may no longer be reinforcing Could look like escape and avoidance"
Stimulants	Insomnia, anorexia, headache, stomachache, nausea, irritability, nervous tics, and increased talkativeness	"Could result in self-injury to dislocate headache pain Edibles may not longer be reinforcing Could look like escape from tasks Could result in aggression or property destruction Could look like attention seeking behaviors"
Other: Beta blockers	Depression, hypotension, vomiting, nausea, diarrhea, isomnia, and dizziness	"Edibles may no longer be reinforcing Could look like escape and avoidance"
Other: Opiate blockers	Difficulty sleeping, anxiety, stomachache, nausea, low energy, sedation, headaches, muscle or joint pain	"Edibles may no longer be reinforcing Could look like escape and avoidance Could result in self-injury"

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