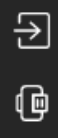


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balance between non-maleficence and autonomy principles. Decision 3

④ From the patient's previous visit, it was evident that the 7.5mg dosage failed to help attain the desired therapeutic levels. Although she had a manageable appetite without complaints of weight gain, the patient was unmanageable that inconvenienced the husband. In this case, the 7.5mg meant an insufficient dosage to attain the desired treatment goals. I chose to change to Risperdal. The drug works by influencing the amount of neurotransmitters that occur naturally in the brain. The drug requires administration twice a day, which may be a challenge if the patient fails to comply. However, evidence exists to back Risperdal efficacy after administration once a day, making it a good option in a situation where the patient's compliance becomes an issue. Although the drug may lead to weight gain, it is not as severe as Zyprexa (Lähteenvu et al., 2020). Increasing Zyprexa dosage to 10mg was a good option. Unfortunately, returning to the 10mg dosage would make the patient suffer similar side effects as the initial treatment, increasing appetite and weight gain.

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