

# Antipsychotic medication: continue, adjust, or stop?

## Evidence document

### What does this involve?

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