



# The 10-minute consultation: schizophrenia

## Rationale

The length of consultations varies, but the average length is 10 minutes. In addition, a new GP curriculum was introduced in the UK in 2007, with re-evaluation for practicing GPs; revalidation through continuing medical education is already the standard in other countries. *The 10-minute consultation* series of pocketbooks aim to develop clinicians' history-taking and clinical examination skills, as well as provide detailed information on the management options available in primary care, with emphasis on when to refer (and when not to refer) for specialist investigations and treatments. The pocketbook format is concise and portable, and key points are highlighted for quick reference, either as a memory aid or for day-to-day use on the clinical frontline.

## The 10-minute consultation: schizophrenia

Schizophrenia is a heterogenous condition and there is considerable disagreement about its definition and diagnosis. In most cases, however, the onset occurs during early adulthood and the illness follows a relapsing and remitting course.

*The 10-minute consultation: schizophrenia* will provide a holistic approach to the assessment and management of schizophrenia, stressing the importance of ongoing patient review and recall to ensure delivery of high-quality, evidence-based treatment.

## Authorship

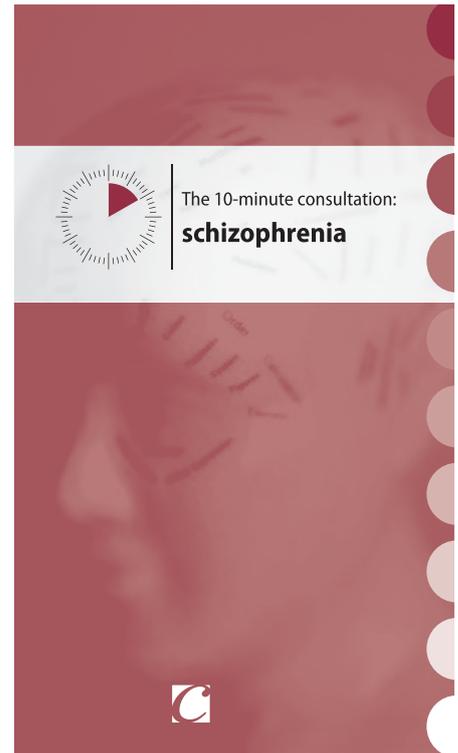
*The 10-minute consultation* author team is composed of GPs and specialist clinical reviewers who together ensure that the content of our books is authoritative and current. We will work closely with an advisory board of GPs from the specialty of primary care and psychiatry whose role is to ensure the accuracy, quality and integrity of the content. By using a team of experienced and highly regarded GPs from the psychiatry specialty, we aim to draw on their clinical experience within the field, closely reflecting the needs of the readers.

## Summary

*The 10-minute consultation: schizophrenia* will provide clinicians with an invaluable source of information for schizophrenia and highlight the most appropriate diagnostic and management options.

### Key objectives for the reader:

- To understand that schizophrenia is associated with significant morbidity and mortality
- To understand the epidemiology and risk factors for development of schizophrenia
- To understand how schizophrenia can be identified in primary care
- To understand how to competently manage schizophrenia in primary care
- To understand the indications for specialist referral



## Audience

- ✓ Medical students
- ✓ **Primary care:** GPs, Nurses, Pharmacists
- ✓ **Secondary care:** Nurse specialists, Junior doctors

## Specification

International Editorial Advisory Board  
Paperback: 96 pages (tbc)  
Product dimensions: 110 x 190 mm  
Binding: perfect bound  
Colour: 4-colour cover; 2-colour text



## Table of contents

### 1. Introduction

- How is schizophrenia classified?
- What is the natural history of schizophrenia?
- What is the prognosis of schizophrenia?
- What are the legal considerations?

### 2. Who and what to test

- Screening and case finding
- What issues should the GP cover during the 10-minute consultation?
- Differential diagnosis: medical and psychiatric disorders

### 3. How to manage the patient with schizophrenia

- Who to treat?
- How to treat?
- Preventing new episodes of illness
- Acute treatment
- Maintenance treatment
- Psychotherapy (cognitive-behavioural therapy, electroconvulsive therapy, family interventions, social skills training and patient education)
- Adjunctive therapy (antidepressants and mood stabilizers)
- Co-morbidity (including depression and violence)

### 4. Person-centred care

- How to identify the patient's beliefs about schizophrenia (their concerns and expectations)?
- What are the patient's cultural beliefs and practices?
- How to recognise nonconcordance with treatment strategies?
- Are any treatments particularly appropriate?

### 5. Applying the evidence

- What are the implications of the international best-practice guidelines for GPs?
- Selected landmark studies
- What are the GP prescribing options for tackling schizophrenia in primary care: a summary
- When to refer?

### 6. Review and recall

- What ongoing patient care, monitoring and follow-up are necessary?
- What roles do other key healthcare workers have in managing the patient?
- What is the role of information technology (IT)?
- What is the role of the expert patient?

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