



Summary of permitted adjustments to depot antipsychotic due dates

Drug name	Frequency	Earliest this depot can be given (maintenance)	Latest this depot can be given without adjustment (maintenance)
Aripiprazole	Monthly (after 4th dose)	26 days after the previous dose.	2 weeks after due dose. Restart monthly injection on the previous planned monthly date
Aripiprazole	2 monthly	2 weeks before the due date	2 weeks after the due date
Flupentixol decanoate	Weekly	2 days before due date	2 days
	2 weekly	2 days before due date	1 week, then give fortnightly from that date
	3 or 4 weekly	2 days before due date	1 week, then carry on as before (may need anticholinergic)
Haloperidol decanoate	2 weekly	2 days before due date	6 days after due dose
	3 weekly	2 days before due date	1 week after due dose and resume previous routine
	4 weekly	2 days before due date	2 weeks after due dose and resume previous routine
Olanzapine	2 weekly	12 days after the previous dose.	1 week after due dose
	4 weekly	24 days after the previous dose	2 weeks after due dose
Paliperidone	Monthly	1 week before due date.	Up to and including 6 weeks after the previous dose. Next dose given after 1 month
	3 monthly	2 weeks before due date	4 weeks after due dose then resume 3-monthly schedule
	6 monthly	2 weeks before the scheduled 6-month time point.	3 weeks after the scheduled 6-month time point.
Zuclopentixol decanoate	Weekly	2 days before due date	2 days
	2 weekly	2 days before due date	1 week, then give fortnightly from that date
	3 or 4 weekly	2 days before due date	1 week, then carry on as before (may need anticholinergic)

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