

Florida Clozapine Hotline

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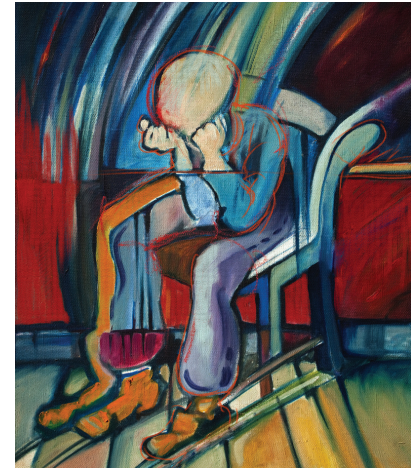
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No registration required.

The Florida Clozapine Hotline provides timely telephonic clinical guidance to prescribers with questions clozapine treatment, including:

- Indications for treatment
- Initiation, titration, and dosing of clozapine
- Clozapine monitoring
- Recognition and management of clozapine-related side-effects

The Clozapine Hotline is operated by Randolph Hemsath, M.D., Medical Director of Boley Centers, a CARF-accredited community mental health center in St. Petersburg, FL. Dr. Hemsath has over 30 years' experience as a psychiatrist and extensive experience utilizing clozapine as an option for individuals with treatment-refractory schizophrenia.



Why clozapine?

Clozapine (brand name Clozaril®) is a second-generation (atypical) antipsychotic medication. Studies have shown that clozapine has superior efficacy compared to other antipsychotic medications for treatment-refractory schizophrenia. Although clozapine has been demonstrated as an effective option for treatment-refractory schizophrenia, this medication is often underutilized as a potential treatment option even when clinically indicated.

The goals of the Clozapine Hotline are to:

- Increase clinician comfort in considering clozapine as a viable treatment option when clinically indicated.
- Provide consultation about clozapine treatment, particularly for individuals with treatment-refractory schizophrenia.

About the service:

- The hotline is free and provides consultations regarding indications for clozapine; clozapine initiation, titration, dosing, and side-effect management; and any other questions about clozapine treatment. Providers may also email their questions to Dr. Randolph Hemsath at Rhemsath@aol.com.
- Calls and emails will be answered on non-holiday weekdays between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm by Dr. Randolph Hemsath.
- Only information relevant to medication management will be discussed. No patient names or other unique identifying information needs to be provided.



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