

**FLORIDA CLOZAPINE HOTLINE 727-562-6762 or [Rhemsath@aol.com](mailto:Rhemsath@aol.com)**



### **Why Clozapine?**

Clozaril® - Clozapine is effective but underutilized in the treatment of refractory schizophrenia. Other antipsychotics do not share clozapine's greater efficacy in treating partial and nonresponders as confirmed by the large-scale Clinical Antipsychotic Trials of Intervention and Effectiveness (CATIE) and the Cost Utility of the Latest Antipsychotic Drugs in Schizophrenia Study (CUtLass) trials.

Clozapine requires special monitoring and surveillance. To address providers' concerns and answer questions on starting patients on clozapine we are pleased to introduce the **Clozapine Hotline – 727-562-6762**. Calls will be promptly answered by Dr. Randolph Hemsath who is an experienced Florida clozapine prescriber. Providers can also email their questions to [Rhemsath@aol.com](mailto:Rhemsath@aol.com).

The hotline is funded by the Florida Medicaid Drug Therapy Management Program for Behavioral Health through a contract with the Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration.

### **What are the hotline hours?**

All calls will be answered on non-holiday weekdays between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

No registration is required and the service is free.

### **Have questions?**

Please contact Marie McPherson at (813) 974-5378.