

How to prescribe psychotropic medicines to people with intellectual disability

People with intellectual disability:

- have high rates of mental ill health compared to other Australians
- are more likely to take psychotropic medicines for a long time
- face health risks because of this medicine.

The Department of Developmental Disability Neuropsychiatry (3DN) has made an e-learning course for health professionals. The course explains:

- the impact of intellectual disability on psychotropic medicines
- how to safely prescribe to people with intellectual disability.

3DN has also made video podcasts about prescribing psychotropic medicine for:

- adults with intellectual disability
- children and adolescents with intellectual disability.

3DN is part of the National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health.

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- Made by people who know a lot about the topic
- Made in Australia

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