THE ROLE OF A PHARMACIST IN MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS

**Inter-professional collaboration**
Inform treatment decisions and referral within the multidisciplinary team

**Reduce stigma and create awareness**
Reduce stigma by creating awareness about mental health illness and available support structures, such as the South African Depression and Anxiety Group [http://www.sadag.org/](http://www.sadag.org/)

**Medication adherence**
Implement interventions to facilitate and monitor treatment adherence

**Pharmaceutical care**
Provide pharmaceutical care to ensure definite patient outcomes and improve the patient’s quality of life

**Counselling and education**
Provide patient education and counselling on the correct use of medicines and possible side-effects

**Quality use of medicines**
Conduct medicine use reviews in order to prevent inappropriate use of medicines and reduce medication errors

**Screening and risk-assessment services**
Pharmacists can reduce medication errors and improve medication appropriateness by conducting medication reviews

**Medication safety and pharmacovigilance**
Monitor treatment to identify drug interactions, medication errors and report possible adverse drug reactions

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