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The correct print version on page 524 is as follows:

GPP For all patients on clozapine, clinicians should have their full blood count monitored weekly for the first 18 weeks and monthly thereafter (pg 16).

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D Electroconvulsive therapy should be considered for patients who have not responded to an adequate trial of antipsychotics and for patients with lifethreatening symptoms such as catatonia and prominent depressive symptoms (pg 16).

Grade D, Level 3

A Electroconvulsive therapy should not be prescribed as first-line treatment or monotherapy in schizophrenia (pg 17).

Grade A, Level 1+

Adjunctive medications

Antidepressants should be considered when depressive symptoms emerge during the stable phase of schizophrenia (post-psychotic depression) (pg 18).

Grade A, Level 1+

Antidepressants should be used at the same dose as for treatment of major depressive disorder (pg 18).

Grade D, Level 4

Anticholinergic agents have been shown to be effective in reducing the severity of antipsychotic-induced extrapyramidal side effects and may be prescribed to patients experiencing these side effects (pg 19).

Grade A, Level 1+

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