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New generation antipsychotic (NGA) drugs are frequently used in individuals with intellectual disabilities (ID). There is however limited research establishing evidence-based or personalized medicine approaches for the use of NGA drugs in individuals with ID. The authors present a set of guidelines to inform initiation, dosing and monitoring of NGA drug use in adults. These guidelines establish frameworks for their use by incorporating the prescribing information and reviewing the available literature on other relevant neuropsychiatric disorders. Further, in these guidelines the authors provide useful information on drug–drug interactions and adverse drug reactions, and a brief review of discontinuation syndromes, potential for abuse, use during pregnancy and cost considerations. The authors also provide drug utilization review forms for each NGA to facilitate the use of these guidelines. These guidelines provide a resource for practitioners treating psychiatric disorders and challenging behaviors in adult individuals with ID.