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Antipsychotics: 70 Years

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Message from the Guest Editors

The introduction of antipsychotic agents in the 1950s was shortly followed by a tremendous reduction of institutionalized patients. While general political decisions also contributed to deinstitutionalization, it is doubtable whether it would have been possible to the same extent without the availability of effective medication. The discovery of chlorpromazine is generally considered the Big Bang of modern psychopharmacology.

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