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# MANAGEMENT OF PSYCHOSIS IN PRIMARY CARE

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# NORTHWEST MENTAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CENTER

## Our Role

Provide training and technical assistance (TA) in evidence-based practices (EBP) to behavioral health and primary care providers, and school and social service staff whose work has the potential to improve behavioral health outcomes for individuals with or at risk of developing serious mental illness in SAMHSA's Region 10 (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington).

## Our Goals

- Heighten awareness, knowledge, and skills of the workforce addressing the needs of individuals with mental illness
- Accelerate adoption and implementation of mental health-related EBPs across Region 10
- Foster alliances among culturally diverse mental health providers, policy makers, family members, and clients

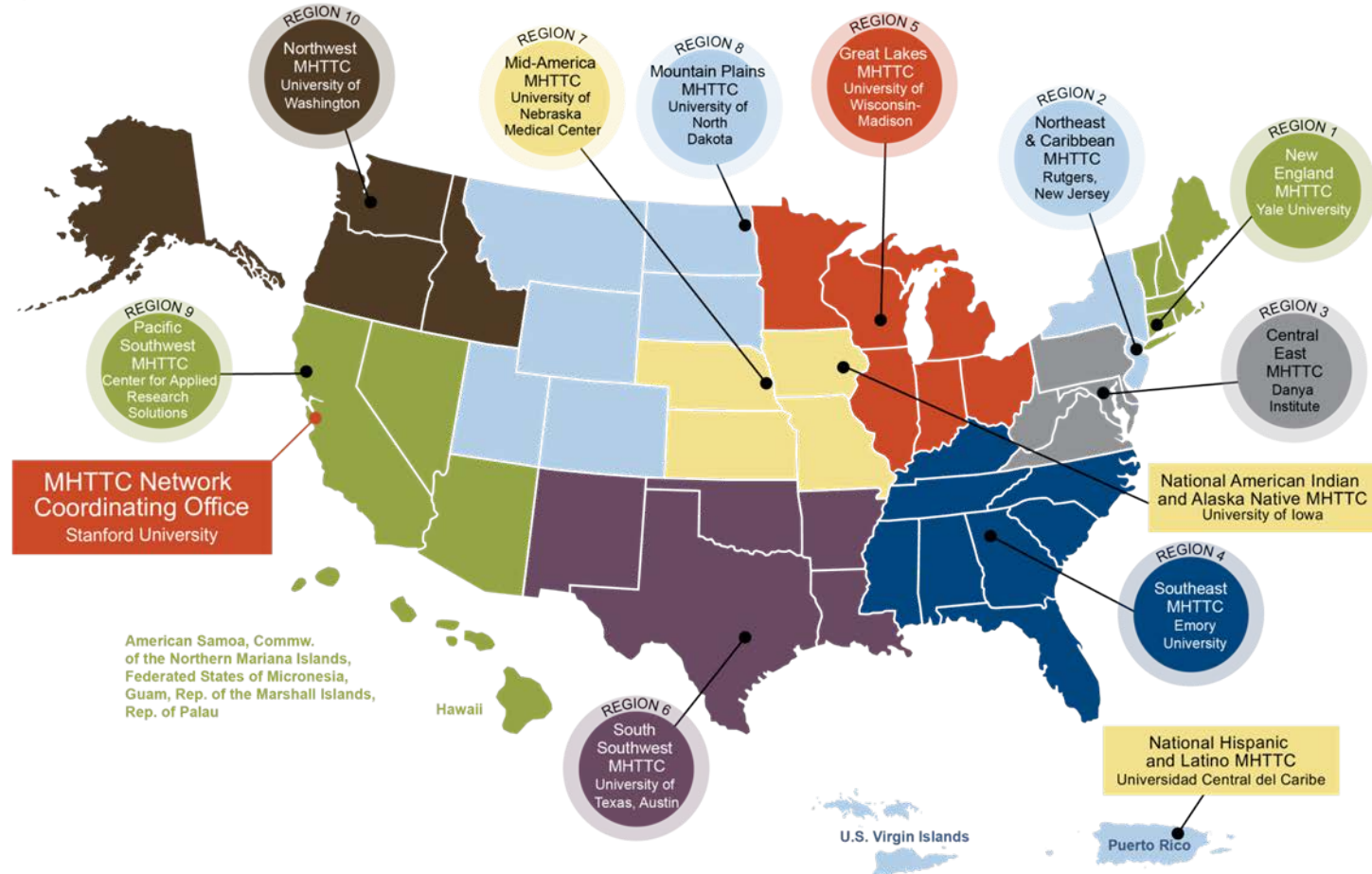




# MHTTC

Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network  
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## MHTTC Network

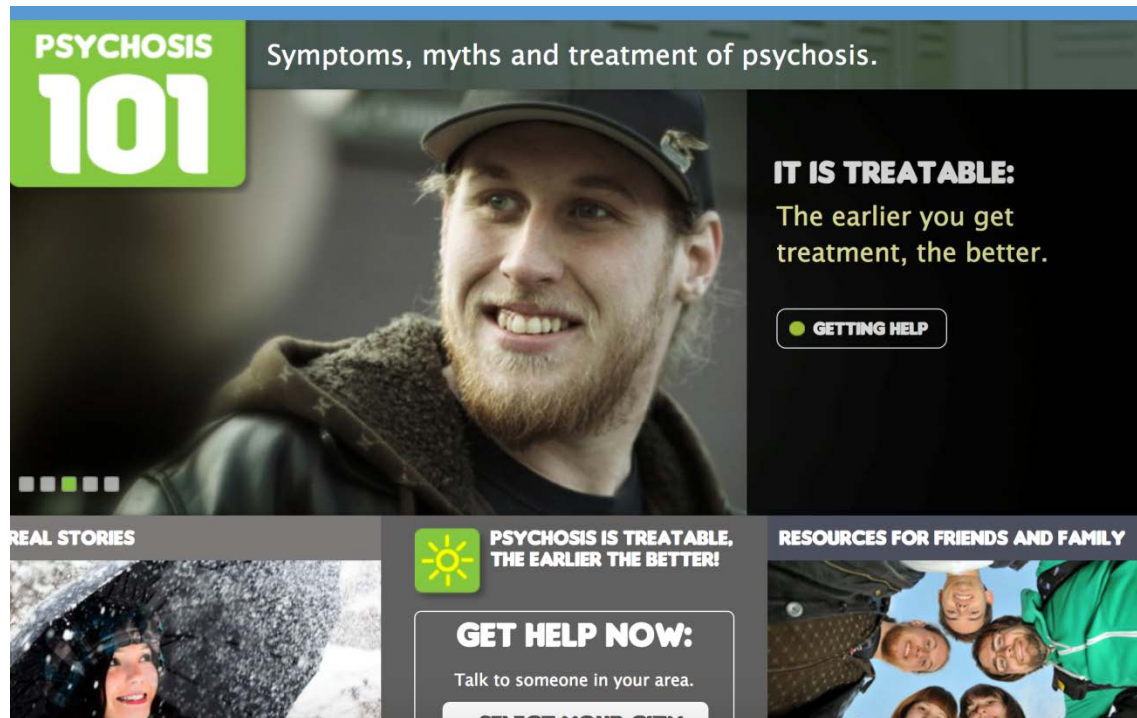


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Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
Services Administration

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# OVERVIEW OF SESSIONS

- Medical management
- Diagnosis
- Therapeutic style
- Addressing disparities in quality of care





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# MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF PSYCHOSIS

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# OBJECTIVES

By the end of this session, participants will

1. Understand the 5 principles that guide evidence-based safe antipsychotic prescribing
2. Know the recommended first-line medications for treatment of psychosis
3. Identify two changes they can make in current practice to mitigate the metabolic risk among their patients who are treated with antipsychotic medications

# PSYCHOSIS

- 3% of people in US experience an episode of psychosis in their lifetime
- A first episode usually occurs in teens or early adulthood
- Experience and symptoms vary greatly from person to person



# CHECKPOINT



Think about the antipsychotic medications you prescribe for your patients...

- Is there an indication for a/the antipsychotic medication you have selected?
- Is the patient part of a population at increased risk?
- Which medications do you select for antipsychotic naive patients?

# QUALITY OF CARE



- 1.1-2.2% of adults received AP med prescription in 2010;
- More than 30% were to nonpsychiatric prescribers
- For schizophrenia: 38% of patients receive poor quality medication management

*Olfson M et al, J Clin Psychiatry. 2015 Oct;76(10):1346-53*

*Young AS et al, Arch Gen Psychiatry. 1998;55(7):611-617*

# 5 PRINCIPLES OF “WISE” PRESCRIBING

Don't routinely prescribe antipsychotic medications ...

1. as a first-line intervention for insomnia in adults.
2. as first choice to treat behavioral symptoms of dementia.
3. to treat behavioral and emotional symptoms of childhood mental disorders unless there is an approved indication
4. for any indication without initial evaluation and ongoing monitoring.

AND

5. Don't routinely prescribe two or more antipsychotic medications concurrently

**Choosing  
Wisely<sup>®</sup>**  
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# 1. INDICATIONS FOR AP MEDS

Indication	Age	Medications
Schizophrenia	Adults	ARI, ASE, ILO, OLZ, PAL, QUE, RIS, ZIP
Schizophrenia	13-17	ARI, ILO, OLZ, QUE, RIS
Schizoaffective	Adults	PAL
Treatment-resistant scz	Adults	CLZ
Reduce suicide in scz	Adults	CLZ
Bipolar	Adults	ARI, ASE, ILO, OLZ, QUE, RIS, ZIP
Bipolar	13-17	ILO, OLZ
Bipolar	10-17	ARI, QUE, RIS
Bipolar depression	Adults	QUE
Treatment-res MDD	Adults	OLZ
Adjunctive MDD	Adults	ARI, QUE
Acute agitation	Adults	ARI, OLZ, ZIP
Irritability in autism	6-17	ARI, RIS

Aripiprazole, Asenapine, Clozapine, Iloperidone, Olanzapine, Paliperidone, Quetiapine, Risperidone, Ziprasidone

# MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC WORK-UP



- Physical exam, emphasis on neuro
- History: travel, occupational exposure
- Urine drug screen
- Labs: ESR, ANA, TSH, Vitamin B12, Ceruloplasmin
  - HIV, FTA-ABS
- MRI if neuro exam abnormal

## 2. MEDICATION MANAGEMENT IN ELDERLY

- Increased mortality among elderly with dementia

Medication	Schizophrenia
Aripiprazole	15-30 mg
Clozapine	50-150 mg
Olanzapine	10-20 mg
Paliperidone	3-12 mg
Quetiapine	200-300 mg
Risperidone	2-3 mg

- APA practice guidelines

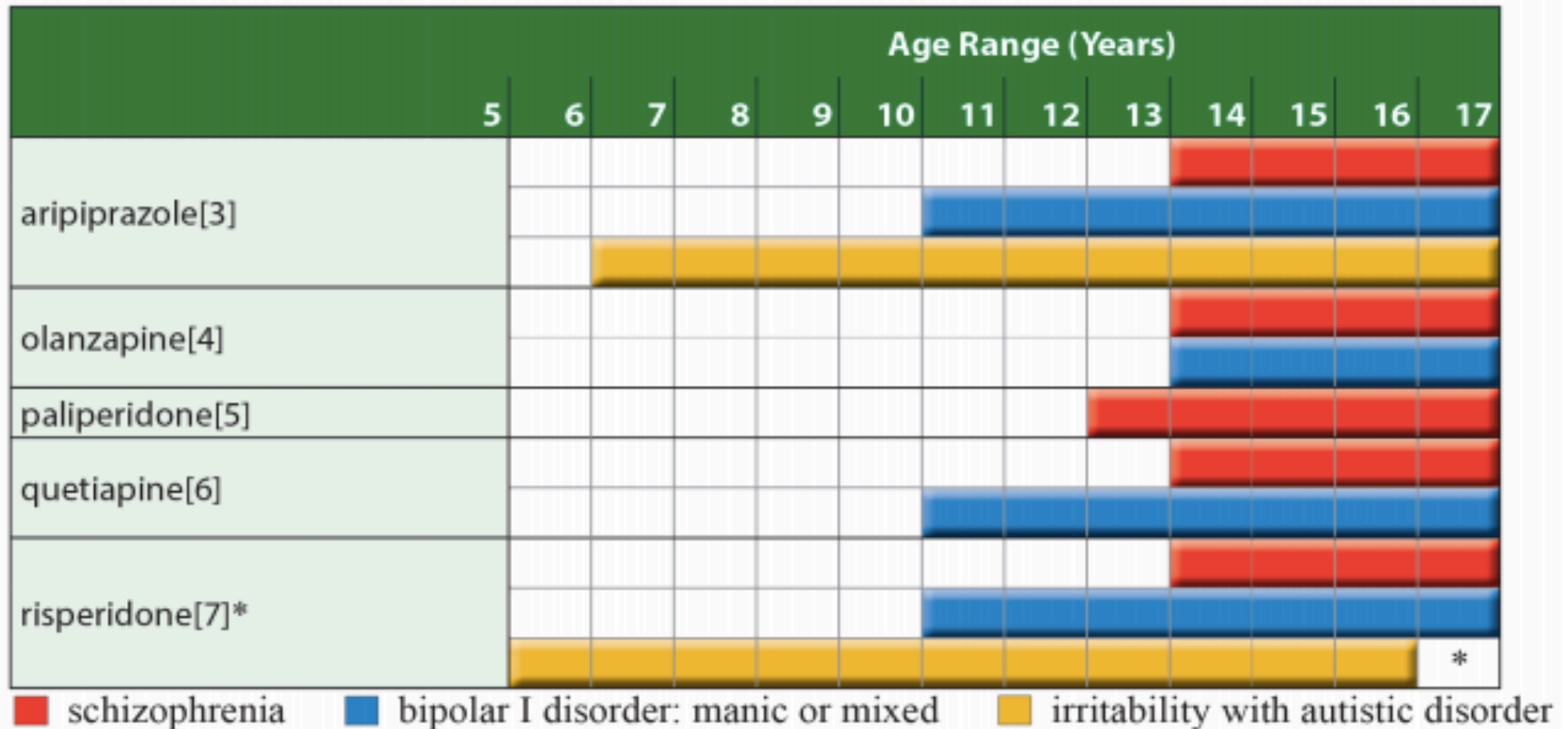
<https://psychiatryonline.org/doi/pdf/10.1176/appi.books.9780890426807>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4144926/>



# 3. ANTIPSYCHOTIC MEDICATIONS IN CHILDREN

**Figure 1. FDA-Approved Pediatric Age Ranges and Indications for Atypical Antipsychotics**



\*Risperidone should not be used by patients older than age 16 who have been diagnosed with irritability with autistic disorder.

# FIRST-LINE TREATMENT FOR EARLY PSYCHOSIS

## NAVIGATE

- Risperidone (Risperdal) 3-4 mg
- Aripiprazole (Abilify) 10-30 mg
- Ziprasidone (Geodon) mean 100 mg
- Quetiapine (Seroquel) mean 500 mg

OnTrack NY <https://www.ontrackny.org>

- Risperidone (Risperdal)
- Aripiprazole (Abilify)
- Ziprasidone (Geodon)



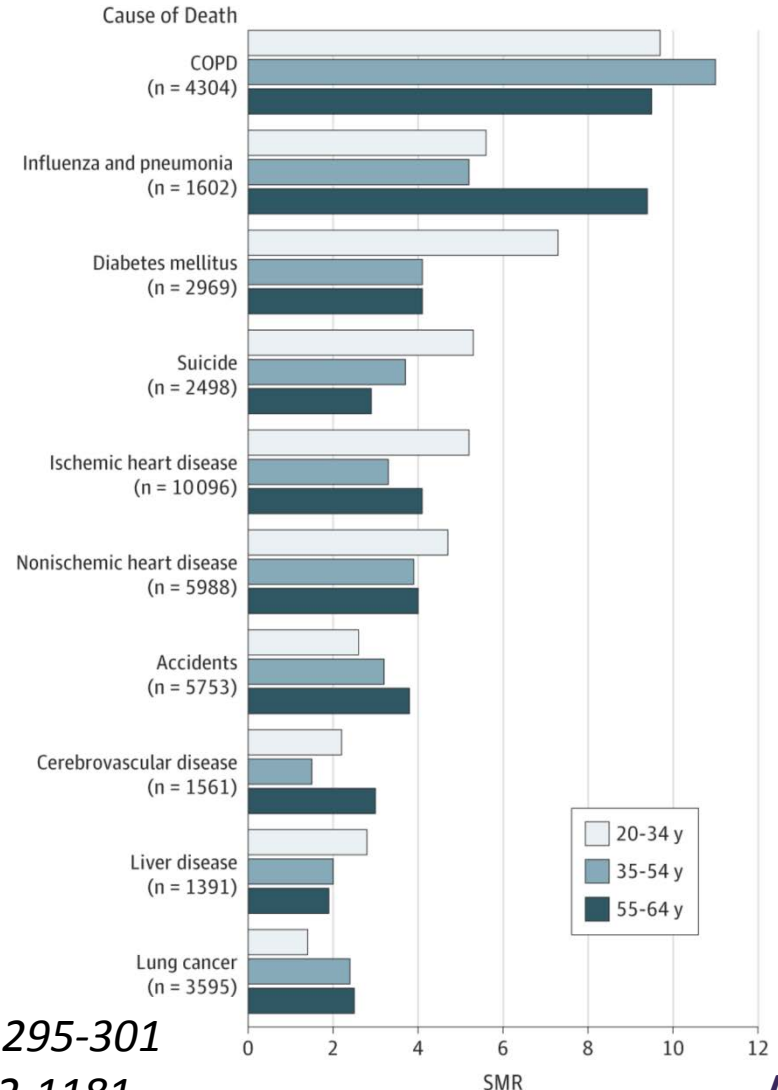
# 4. Metabolic Monitoring Guidelines

	entry	4 weeks	8 weeks	12 weeks	monthly	annual
PMH / Family History	X					X
Weight (BMI)	X	X	X	X	X	
Waist Circumference	X					X
Blood Pressure	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hemoglobin A1c	X			X		X
Lipid panel	X			X		X
Smoking Status	X	X	X	X	X	X
Physical activity	X	X	X	X	X	X

*ADA-APA workgroup. Diabetes Care 2004; 27: 596-601.*

# PREMATURE MORTALITY

- The average life expectancy for people with schizophrenia is 64.7 years (59.9 years for men)
- Largest CVD health disparities of any group



Hjorthøj C, et al. *Lancet Psychiatry*. 2017 Apr;4(4):295-301

Olfson M et al. *JAMA Psychiatry*. 2015;72(12):1172-1181

# RISK FACTORS TWICE AS COMMON

- Obesity
  - 27% (BMI >25);
  - 52% were obese (BMI >30)
- Elevated BP (51%)
- Dyslipidemia (35%)
- Impaired fasting glucose (33%)



Dickerson F, et.al., *Psychiatr Serv* 2013; 64 (1): 44  
Correll CU et al *Psychiatr Services* 2010; 61: 892-898

## 5. AVOID POLYPHARMACY

- Meta-analysis of 147 studies
- 19.6% receive APP
- Rate increased 34% between 1980s and 2000s in North America
- APP associated with increased
  - hospitalization rates and length of stay
  - Costs
  - adverse effects, including mortality
- Augmentation of clozapine may be the exception



[Gallego JA et al, Schizophr Res. 2012 Jun; 138\(1\): 18–28.](#)

# CHECKPOINT



Think about your own practice...

Can you do more to mitigate metabolic risks  
in your own prescribing?

# EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES

Pharmacologic Treatment	Behavioral Strategies	Environmental Changes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Antipsychotic meds</li><li>• FDA-approved meds for weight loss</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brief Counseling<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lifestyle programs</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education: Family or Residential staff<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CMHC setting</li><li>• Community</li></ul></li></ul>

*AHRQ Publication No. 13-EHC063-EF April 2013*

*Gierisch JM, et al. J Clin Psychiatry. 2014 May;75(5):e424-40.*

*McGinty EE et al. Schizophr Bull. 2016 Jan;42(1):96-124*



# RISK OF ANTIPSYCHOTIC MEDICATIONS

**Low risk**

**Moderate risk**

**High risk**

**Aripiprazole**

**Asenapine**

**Clozapine**

**Lurasidone**

**Iloperidone**

**Olanzapine**

**Ziprasidone**

**Paliperidone**

**Quetiapine**

**Risperidone**

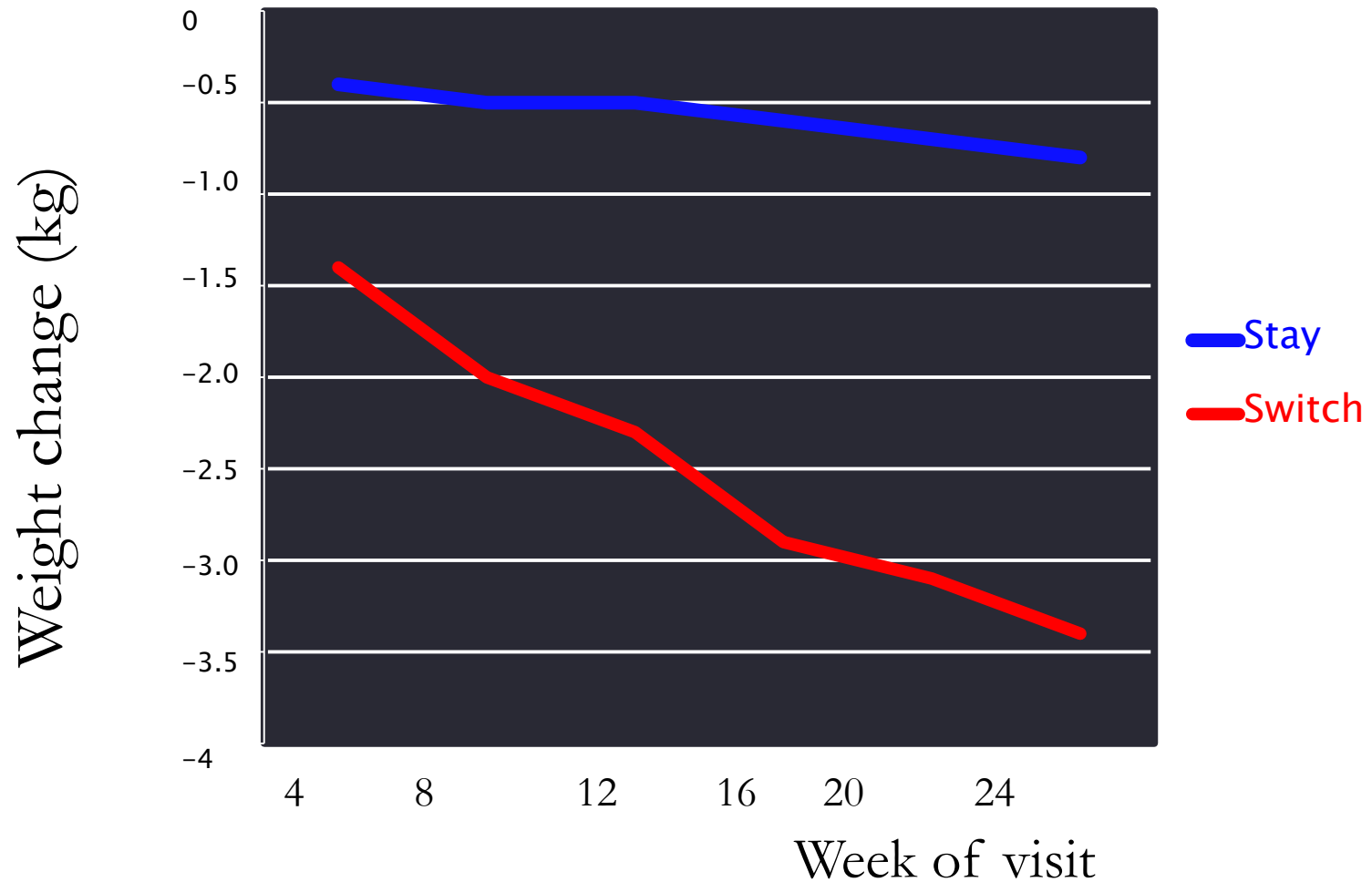
*Werneke U, Taylor D, Sanders TA. Curr Psychiatry Rep; 2013; 15: 347*  
*Kessing L et al. British Journal of Psychiatry 2010; 197(4): 266-271*

# SWITCHING ANTIPSYCHOTIC MEDICATIONS



- Can switching improve metabolic outcomes?
- When should a switch be considered?
- What is the optimal strategy for switching?

# WHY SWITCH?



# WHEN SWITCH?

- Intolerable side effects
  - weight gain = 5-7% of body weight
  - Any magnitude of weight gain that leads to non-adherence with medication
  - New diagnosis of diabetes

<https://www.psychiatrictimes.com/cme/switching-antipsychotics-why-when-and-how/page/0/2>

# HOW SWITCH?

- Options
  - Abrupt discontinuation and immediate initiation of second medication at clinically effective dose
  - Cross-taper (reduce 25-50% every 4-5 days) with gradual initiation of new antipsychotic
  - Overlap and discontinuation: continue pre-switch med at full dose while starting and titrating new med
- No one strategy uniformly superior

Takeuchi H, et al. *Schizophr Res.* 2018 Mar;193:29-36

# FDA-APPROVED FOR WEIGHT LOSS

Medication	Mechanism
Orlistat (Xenical)	↓ Fat absorption in gut
Phenteramine-Topiramate (Osymia)	↓ appetite
Lorcaserin (Belviq)	↑ satiety
Naltrexone-bupropion (Contrave)	↓ appetite
Liraglutide (Saxenda)	↑ satiety

<https://www.niddk.nih.gov/health-information/weight-management/prescription-medications-treat-overweight-obesity>

# CHECKPOINT

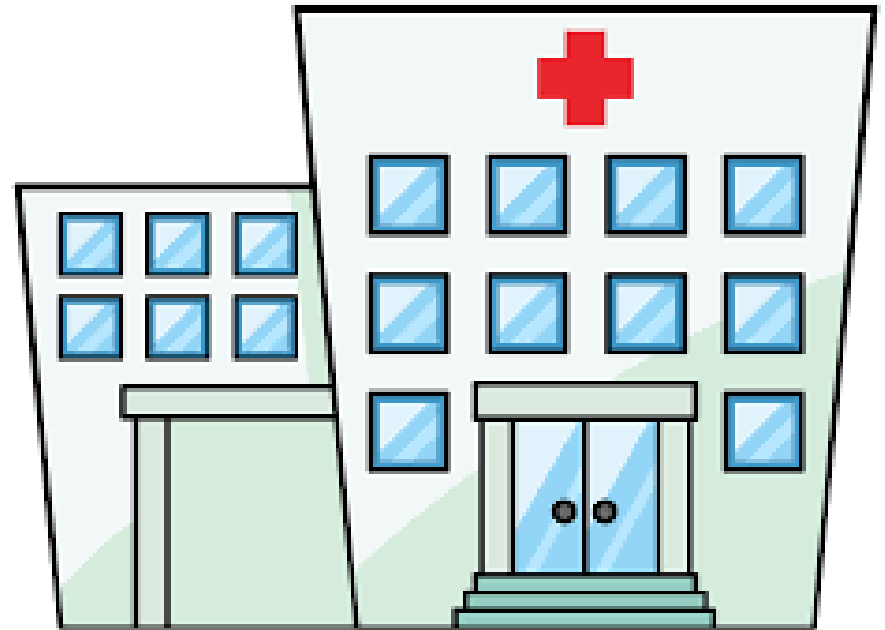


Think about your own practice...

- What additional challenges are there in the management of diabetes when my patient also has psychosis?
- Do my patients with psychosis receive the same quality of diabetes care as my other patients?

# IMPACT OF SCHIZOPHRENIA ON DIABETES

- More diabetes-related hospitalizations<sup>1</sup>
- More hospitalizations for ambulatory care sensitive conditions<sup>2</sup>
- Increased risk of re-hospitalization for T2DM in 30 days<sup>3</sup>
- Increased diabetes-specific mortality<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Mai Q, et al. *BMC Med* 2011; 9:118;

<sup>2</sup>Druss BG, et al. *Med Care* 2012; 50(5): 428-433

<sup>3</sup>Chwastiak L, et. al. *Psychosomatics* 2014; 55(2): 134-143



# QUALITY OF DIABETES CARE

HEDIS measure	Any MH Dx, %	No MH Dx, %	Adjusted OR	P value
HbA1c	43.8%	47.0%	0.88 (0.86-0.89)	<0.0001
Eye exam	51.1	58.9	0.73 (0.72-0.74)	<0.0001
LDL screening	24.4	26.9	0.88 (0.86-0.89)	<0.0001
Medical attention for nephropathy	12.0	12.4	0.96 (0.94-0.99)	0.0023
At least 2 HEDIS measures	38.4	42.8	0.83 (0.82-0.85)	<0.0001

*Druss BG, et.al. Medical Care 2012; 50(5): 428-433*

# CONCLUSIONS

- Safe antipsychotic management involves baseline evaluation and appropriate monitoring, and judicious selection of medication
- There is rarely a good reason to prescribe multiple antipsychotic medications
- All patients on second-generation antipsychotic medications are at increased risk of diabetes—children and adolescents are a particularly high risk
- Patients with psychosis generally receive poorer quality of medical care for chronic conditions—PCPs should monitor and address disparities.

# RESOURCES

## Healthy Active Lives (HeAL)



Keeping the Body in Mind  
in Youth with Psychosis

### Imagine a world where...

- Young people experiencing psychosis have the same life expectancy and expectations of life as their peers who have not experienced psychosis
- Young people experiencing psychosis, their family and supporters know how to, and are consistently supported to, maintain physical health and minimize risks associated with their treatment
- Concerns expressed by young people experiencing psychosis, their family and supporters, about the adverse effects from the medicines used to treat psychosis are respected and inform treatment decisions
- Healthcare professionals and their organisations work cohesively in a united effort to protect and maintain the physical health of young people experiencing psychosis
- Healthy active lives are promoted routinely from the start of treatment, focusing on healthy nutrition and diet, physical and purposeful activity, and reduced tobacco use.



## Management of physical health conditions in adults with severe mental disorders

WHO GUIDELINES



<http://www.choosingwisely.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/APA-Choosing-Wisely-List.pdf>

AHRQ 2012: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK84656/>

# LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!

Post-event surveys are *critical* to our work!

- Survey will be **emailed** to you
- Your **personal code** allows us to link your responses with follow-ups without knowing your identity
- You will be invited to participate in a follow-up survey in **30 days**
- Respondents will receive a **\$5 gift card** for filling out the follow-up survey!

## MHTTC Network - GPRA Post-Event Form - Training

Please print clearly in the boxes below using blue or black ink. Print only one number or letter in each square. Upper case letters only.

Event Name:

Event Code:

Form Approved  
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Exp. Date 09/30/2019

Personal Code (please use upper case letters):

First letter in Mother's first name:

First letter in Mother's maiden name:

First Digit of Social Security Number:

Last Digit of Social Security Number:

PLEASE BASE YOUR ANSWER ON HOW YOU  
FEEL ABOUT THE SESSION NOW.

	Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
1. How satisfied are you with the overall quality of this training?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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4. Overall, how satisfied are you with your training experience?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR AGREEMENT WITH  
THESE STATEMENTS ABOUT THE TRAINING.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
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9. The instructor was receptive to participant comments and questions.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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12. The training was relevant to my career.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Every survey we receive helps us to improve and develop our programing.

We greatly appreciate your feedback!

# LONG ACTING INJECTABLE AP MEDICATIONS

## Available LAI

- Haloperidol (Haldol decanoate),
- Fluphenazine (prolixin IM),
- Risperidone ( Consta),
- Paliperidone (Invega Sustenna, Invega Trinza),
- Aripiprazole (Maintena, Aristada),
- Olanzapine (ZypAdhera )



## First-Line for FEP

- Paliperidone Sustenna 39-117 mg q 4 weeks
- Risperidone Consta 25 mg q 2 weeks
- Aripiprazole IM (no dosing studies)