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Flash Cards





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Combining which two medications can prolong QTc intervals and lead to an increased cardiovascular risk?



Grapefruit juice...



What can happen if a patient takes valproic acid and lamotrigine?



Saint John's Wort



Nicotine use...



Common drugs metabolized by the renal system?



Taking a MAOI and tyramine together can result in...



Typically, benzodiazepines are avoided in patients experiencing hepatic dysfunction because they are metabolized by the liver.

Which benzodiazepines are safe for use with a patient that has hepatic failure?



CYP3A4 inhibitor, can inhibit many psychotropic medications such as antidepressants, antipsychotics, benzodiazepines, stimulants, and mood stabilizers



Escitalopram and ziprasidone



Dietary supplement available without prescription for the use of depression. It is a strong inducer of CYP3A4



The combination can lead to Stevens-Johnson syndrome. The provider should consider dose reduction of lamotrigine



Gabapentin, acamprosate, and lithium



Tobacco induces CYP1A2, sudden changes in smoking habits can result in medication fluctuation. The provider will need to adjust medications based on nicotine use



Oxazepam (Serax), temazepam (Restoril), and lorazepam (Ativan)



A hypertensive crisis

Blood pressure is 180/120 mm Hg or greater; chest pain, shortness of breath, or symptoms of stroke. Stroke symptoms include numbness or tingling, trouble speaking, or changes in vision



Intellectual Disabilities



Impairments with the Clock Drawing Test indicate problems in the



Which medication can cause lithium levels to increase due to reduced renal clearance?



Which are stronger, inhibitors or inducers?



What is the difference between hypomania and mania?



Before a patient is started on a stimulant, what do you check if they have a family history of CVD?



Global Developmental Delay



Intellectual Developmental Disorder



Right parietal lobe (right hemisphere)



Usually present at birth and can affect a patient's physical, intellectual, and emotional development



Inhibitors are stronger than inducers. If taking both, the inhibitor will increase the inducer drug, possibly causing toxicity. So, in this case, decrease the inducing drug



Lisinopril, thiazides, NSAIDS, and ACE inhibitors



ECG



Duration and severity of DIG FAST symptoms



Occurs during the developmental period of life, and includes both intellectual and functional deficits in reasoning, problem-solving, and academics, with communication challenges, poor social interaction, and difficulties with independent living



Assigned to children under the age of five; the child fails to meet developmental milestones in both intellectual and functional areas of life. Ongoing assessment is required



Language Disorder



Autism Spectrum Disorder



Speech Sound Disorder



Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder



Childhood-Onset Fluency Disorder



Tourette's Disorder



Provisional Tic Disorder



Persistent (Chronic) Motor or Vocal Tic Disorder



Impairments in social communication and restricted/repetitive interests and activities

Perform restricted or repetitive patterns of behavior, interests and activities, and can become fixated on certain topics
Stereotyped or repetitive movements
Hypersensitivity to different stimuli
Abnormal motor signs (poor coordination and/or a strange gate)



Difficulties in spoken, written, and other forms of language due to comprehension or function deficits; vocabulary, inability to form sentences, and impaired communication structure



Inattention and hyperactivity resulting in poor performance and disruptive behavior at school and home. Symptoms include distractibility, task avoidance, ignoring details or instructions, losing things easily, hyper-focus, poor organization, and failing to complete tasks. Hyperactive behaviors include constant interruptions, loud/unruly actions, delaying responsibilities, and an inability to sit still.



Challenges with clear articulation; complications for both understanding sound and being able to coordinate movement for sound (use of jaw, tongue, lips...)



Both multiple motor and at least one vocal tic. The tics may come and go in frequency, but must have persisted for more than a year, and have occurred before the age of 18



Disruptions in fluency and patterns of speech (repetitious use, for example: I-I-I-I-I do not...)



A single or multiple motor or vocal tics, but the two variations must not be present at the same time



Single or multiple motor with or without a vocal tick that has been present for less than one year and has occurred before the age of 18



Delusional Disorder



Schizophrenia



Brief Psychotic Disorder



Schizoaffective Disorder



Schizophreniform Disorder



Bipolar Disorder



Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder



Cyclothymic Disorder



Unable to distinguish reality from falsehood. Positive symptoms include delusions, hallucinations, disorganized, speech, and catatonic behavior. Negative symptoms involve diminished emotional expression. Symptoms have persisted for 6 months or greater



One or more delusions (a false belief), lasting one month or longer without marked impairment in bizarre or odd behavior. If the patient is experiencing hallucinations, they must not be prominent



Symptoms associated with schizophrenia and accompanying symptoms related to a mood disorder



One or more delusions, hallucinations, disorganized and/or incoherent communication patterns, and disorganized or catatonic (disrupted awareness) behavior that has lasted at least one day, but less than a month. After the ascending symptoms of sides, the patient returns to normal functioning



Involves both manic highs and depressive lows and extreme mood swings between the two. Mania = elevation of mood or energy, and symptoms include irritability, distractibility, impulsivity, grandiosity, flight of ideas

Increased activity levels, an overall decrease in the need to sleep, and excessive talkativeness, with increased goal-directed activity

1 "fun" week and 2 "blue" weeks



Two or more delusions, hallucinations, disruptive communication patterns, disorganized or catatonic behaviors, and the presence of negative-type (emotional withdrawal, avolition) symptoms for a persistent amount of time during a one-month to six months timeframe



At least a two-year history of hypomanic symptoms, which do not meet the threshold for the hypomanic episode, with periods of depressive symptoms that are also not categorized as a major depressive episode



Age six and older with onset before the age of 10; marked by persistent irritability, anger, and extreme temper outbursts (either verbal or behavioral) that are disproportional to the situation that preceded the action(s)/mood



Major Depressive Disorder



Separation Anxiety Disorder



Persistent Depressive Disorder



Selective Mutism



Generalized Anxiety Disorder



Social Anxiety Disorder



Panic Disorder



Panic Attack



Excessive fear or anxiety when separated from an attached individual

Results in distress, worry, seclusion, sleep disturbance, nightmares about the separation, and physical manifestations



Marked change in depressed mood (anhedonia) with symptoms of sleep disturbances; feelings of guilt or hopelessness; decreased interest in previously enjoyed activities; decreased energy, concentration, and appetite; retardation of speech and physical movement; and suicidal ideation

2 "blue weeks" with 5+ symptoms



Failure to speak in social situations that normally require communication

Not related to another underlying condition



Lasts for at least two years. The patient has at least two of the depressive symptoms listed above during the two-year period with symptoms lasting more than two months at a time



Increased fear or worry when placed in social situations

The anxiety is disproportional to the actual threat that is posed within the social or sociocultural environment, and the avoidant behavior lasts for six months or more



Persistent worry; manifest in both physical and physiological symptoms with changes in vital signs and mental stability

Sweating, uneasiness, tachycardia, nausea, shortness of breath, loss of control, chest pain, muscle tension, irritability, decreased sleep, decreased energy, restlessness, and decreased attention span

Occurs more days than not for at least six months with the patient finding it difficult to control the worry



Brief period of marked intense mental and physical discomfort which is activated by the fear response

Sweating, shaking, dizziness, disassociation, tachycardia, nausea, shortness of breath, fear of dying or going crazy, chest pain, and/or chills



Recurrent panic attacks with persistent concern or worry about having additional panic attacks for at least a month



Agoraphobia



Hoarding Disorder



Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder



Reactive Attachment Disorder



Body Dysmorphic Disorder



Post-traumatic Stress Disorder



Adjustment Disorders



Acute Stress Disorder



Difficulty discarding or trashing personal possessions, because of a desire to save them and has nothing to do with concern over the monetary value



Fear or panic when a patient is placed in a public or crowded place for which they believe cannot be escaped



Child is unable to form healthy emotional bonds with caretakers, often because of emotional neglect or abuse at an early age and the child becomes emotionally withdrawn and rarely seeks comfort or attention (think foster care child)



Persistent and reoccurring thoughts, urges, or ideas that are unwanted, distressing, and mind-based. Obsessive thoughts are resistant, despite efforts to ignore, or suppress the obsession

Obsessional thoughts are extremely distressing and can be seen by the patient as extremely inappropriate, disheartening, or even immoral. Patients are able to recognize the issues

Compulsions are considered a counterbalance used to reduce the distress that is caused by obsessive and intrusive thoughts



Trauma related to a violent or life-threatening event, that results in intense feelings and emotions such as fear, helplessness, and terror

Must have been life threatening or a physical and/or sexually violent act

Experience flashbacks of the event and can have moments of disassociation, nightmares, hyperarousal, hypervigilant

Will often avoid people, places, and situations that may be associated with traumatic memory; may have delayed onset



Preoccupation with one's defects or physical flaws (even though others around them do not see the same issues)

Results in repetitive behaviors; constantly checking on oneself in the mirror, excessively combing hair, picking at the skin, and comparing oneself to others regarding appearance



Exposed to a traumatic event, either witnessing or experiencing the event in person or watching it occur to someone else

Followed by intrusive thoughts of the situation; nightmares or distressing dreams; flashbacks; depression; disassociation and/or dissociative amnesia; avoidance of thoughts, memories, or feelings pertaining to the event; sleep disturbances; and or irritability

Lasts between three days to one month after the traumatic event with symptoms beginning immediately after the trauma



Sadness, hopelessness, worry, and anxiety that develop within three months in response to a known and identifiable stressor



Dissociative Identity Disorder



Conversion Disorder



Dissociative Amnesia



Factitious Disorder



Somatic Symptom Disorder



Pica



Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder



Rumination Disorder



Physical symptoms (motor or sensory), such as numbness, blindness, deafness, seizures, or other manifestation, yet has no underlying neurologic or medical diagnosis

(Man goes blind after wife dies...)



Consistent patterns of derealization, depersonalization, and memory lapse culminating into a complete and separate identity state with identity fragmentation

Completely different person from one situation to the next (two or more distinct personality states)



Imposed on Self – a false medical or psychiatric condition, where the patient deceives or misrepresents an illness or injury, in order to deceive (gain something in return)

Imposed on Another – falsifying the physical or psychological symptoms, disease, or injury of another person, in order to deceive or mislead. The other person is considered a "victim" and in an abusive situation in which the perpetrator intentionally harms the other



Episodic, retrograde amnesia of autobiographical content (personal information) that occurs in conjunction with or around the same time as a traumatic event



Eating disorder in which a person eats things not normally considered food



Distress, worry, anxiety, or alterations in normal functioning as a result of significant focus on physical conditions or symptoms (such as pain)



Repetitive regurgitation of food



Failure to consume the required daily amount of nutritional food, due to a lack of interest or aversion to eating

Significant weight loss and nutritional deficiency

Self-sustain by consuming supplements



Anorexia Nervosa



Encopresis



Bulimia Nervosa



Insomnia Disorder



Enuresis



Narcolepsy



Oppositional Defiant Disorder



Gender Dysphoria



Involuntary or intentional act of defecating in inappropriate places. At least 4 years old



Caloric restriction, low body weight (BMI), poor physical health, and developmental delays

Extreme fear of being fat or gaining excessive weight with disregard for the severity of the situation and can become obsessed with persistent behaviors designed to lose as much weight as possible

Extremely underweight, nervous or fearful about gaining weight, has distorted perceptions about weight, and participates in extreme exercising or even purging patterns to lose weight



Difficulties falling asleep, staying asleep, or waking up too early

Erratic sleep patterns and loss of sleep result in significant stress and dysfunction

Results in irritability, fatigue, and inattention



Distorted eating that results in impulsive overeating, followed by compulsive purging (vomiting)

Tied to self-esteem. Worries that being overweight will result in rejection by others

Prevention can also occur through the use of laxatives, diuretics, and fasting



Neurological disorder; excessive daytime sleepiness, suddenly falling asleep without warning or desire

Muscle paralysis while awake (cataplexy), vivid hallucinations during transitions from sleep to wakefulness or vice versa, suddenly falling asleep, and sleep paralysis



Repeated urination in bed or when wearing clothes

At least 5 years old



Mismatch between a patient's biological sex assigned at birth and their own personal gender identity

Strong desire to be another gender and like to participate in events such as cross-dressing or showing preferences for activities that are commonly gender-categorized. Desire to outwardly manifest primary and/or secondary gender-specific characteristics to which they identify



Starting before age 8, but no later than age 12

Patterns of angry and irritable mood with argumentative, defiant behavior to include erratic temper, being easily annoyed, and argumentative with authority figures/other children/adults. Will refuse to follow rules or listen to anyone in authority

Tries to annoy others and seek to blame others for their own mistakes and behavior



Intermittent Explosive Disorder



Pyromania



Conduct Disorder



Kleptomania



Antisocial Personality Disorder



Substance Use Disorder



Delirium



Alcohol Use Disorder



Start a fire on more than one occasion

Can become aroused and excited just before setting the fire; fascinated with intense curiosity and attraction towards situations involving fire; a sense of relief and satisfaction



Behavioral outbursts defined by an inability to control aggression and resulting in temper tantrums and physical fighting/aggression toward others, animals, or property

Are impulsive and not planned occurrences and result in significant problems both at home and in school and can occur in children of at least 6 years of age



Need to steal based on impulse/emotion and not for financial gain; sense of tension and excitement during and immediately after the act

Great pleasure and satisfaction in stealing and is not in response to anger or psychosis



Known bully who threatens and intimidates; behaviors that violate the basic rights of others

Intimidation, participating in physical fighting, use of a weapon with the intent to harm, animal cruelty, extortion, armed robbery, destruction of property, and deliberately disobeying rules.

Children under the age of 18



Use of substances or medications that impair control, result in physical dependence, complicate social and interpersonal relationships, and are often associated with risky behavior and impulsivity

Unable to decrease use or stop



Over the age of 18 with persistent patterns of behavior that intrude or infringe on the basic rights of others including deception, aggression, violence, theft, and cruelty

Criminals with impulsive disregard for safety; liars with extreme aggression and a propensity for irresponsible behavior with extreme remorselessness



Persistent pattern of alcohol use

History of unsuccessfully stopping or cutting down and spending a great deal of time and money

Done to cope with challenges at home and work; can result in tolerance



Disturbance in attention with a reduction in the ability to focus and remain aware

Occurs within hours to a few days and is a marked change from baseline

Memory deficit, disorientation, changes in language, or perception



Alzheimer's Disease



Vascular Neurocognitive Disorder



Frontotemporal Neurocognitive Disorder



Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)



Lewy Body Dementia



Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)



Parkinson's Disease



Prion Disease



Progressive cognitive deficits; changes in executive functioning (confusion; attention and concentration difficulties; disorganization; inability to analyze, develop, or communicate thoughts and plans to others)

Decreased cerebral blood flow to the brain

Sudden and stepwise decline



Most common type of dementia

Loss of memory and cognitive decline with a decrease in neural activity in the parietal cortex, hippocampus, and basal forebrain

Must have a clear decline in memory and learning with a steady progressive decline in cognition



Caused by sports injury, car accident, penetrating object, or damage by a blunt object

Dizziness, loss of consciousness, coma, subdural or subarachnoid hemorrhaging and/or cerebral edema; decreased or lost autonomic nervous system function



Frontotemporal dementia, damaged neurons in the frontal and temporal lobes of the brain

Slow and steady progression with marked behavioral changes, apathetic behavior, compulsive or ritualistic type behavior, language degradation, and memory/perceptual motor functioning complications



Neurocognitive; earliest stages include impairment in concentration, memory, and executive functioning with progressive psychomotor retardation, depression, irritability

Motor degradation over time



Abnormal deposits of a protein resulting in chemical alterations in the brain, which can lead to a slow and gradual progression of changes in cognition, attention, and alertness

Recurrent visual hallucinations and Parkinsonian-like movements



Normal prion proteins become abnormally folded, causing memory impairment, personality changes, and difficulties with movement

(Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy)



Deterioration of dopamine-releasing neurons in the substantia nigra

Tremors, unsteady movements, loss of balance, pill-rolling movement in their hand, bradykinesia, stiffness, and facial masking



Huntington's Disease



Schizotypal Personality Disorder



Paranoid Personality Disorder



Antisocial Personality Disorder



Schizoid Personality Disorder



Borderline Personality Disorder



Narcissistic Personality Disorder



Histrionic Personality Disorder



Marked social and interpersonal deficits

Inability to form close relationships; cognitive or perceptual distortions to include delusions, magical thinking, superstitious beliefs, and can be paranoid



Hereditary and progressive; mutation in the HTT gene

Chorea, involuntary jerking, and hand-flapping movements. Progressive cognitive decline and is fatal within 10-20 years following a diagnosis



Behavior that violates the rights of others and includes purposeful deception, aggression, and violence



Distrust and suspicion of others; doubt loyalty and trustworthiness and are reluctant to confide in others

Unforgiving and quick to anger and/or attack, and can be suspicious of loved ones



Instability with mood, affect, behavior, relationships, and identity

Dysphoric and emotionally unstable, can have suicidal and homicidal tendencies, may experience psychosis-like and dissociative symptoms, and are quick to anger and be negative

Relationships are often short-lived and unstable; sensitive to interpersonal rejection, yet attempt to avoid abandonment



Detachment from social relationships with restricted expression and emotions within personal settings

Avoid close relationships; primarily loners with little to no interest in sexual relationships and can be cold



Pattern of exaggerated emotionality and attention-seeking behaviors

Uncomfortable in situations where not the center of attention and interaction with others can result in inappropriate sexual or provocative behavior

Expressions of emotion are rapidly changing and insincere; believe relationships to be more romantic and intimate than they are in reality



Need for admiration and extremely self-centered

Exaggerate talents and achievements, and become preoccupied with power, success, beauty, and an idealistic way of life; seek attention and admiration. A total sense of entitlement



Avoidant Personality Disorder



Cerebrum



Dependent Personality Disorder



Corpus callosum



Obsessive-Compulsive Personality Disorder



Left hemisphere



Cerebral cortex



Right hemisphere



Largest part of the brain

Responsible for all higher-order functions (learning, memory, communication, sensation, and movement)

Divided into a left and right hemisphere by the longitudinal fissure



Avoid others; however, unlike schizoid, they do desire personal interaction and relationships

Chronic self-doubters and are extremely sensitive to the idea of rejection



Connects the two left and right hemispheres and allows for communication (essential for normal functioning)



Heavily rely upon others in multiple areas of life; to make decisions and to give them a sense of purpose

Pathologically agreeable and avoid conflict at all costs to avoid losing a relationship; extremely maladaptive and gullible



Dominant for most people and controls right-side functions



Emotional and behavioral rigidity with a need to have total control and order, avoid new experiences, and be inflexible to change.

Believe that their way is the "right way."



Controls most of the left-sided functions of the body



Outermost layer of the cerebrum and is made up of neuron cell bodies

Responsible for many of the human "higher functions"

Divided into four lobes - FPOT: the frontal lobe, the parietal lobe, the occipital lobe, and the temporal lobe



Cerebellum



Pons



Brainstem



Medulla oblongata



Midbrain



Spinal cord



Frontal lobe



Lobes of the brain



Connects the medulla oblongata and the thalamus

Responsible for relaying impulses from the motor cortex to the cerebellum, medulla, and thalamus



Located behind the cerebrum

Responsible for coordination of complex movements, balance, and posture

Dysfunctional cerebellum will cause a patient to have erratic and uncoordinated movements



Responsible for autonomic functions (heartbeat, blood pressure; reflexes – vomiting, swallowing, and sneezing)

Regulates the respiratory system via chemoreceptors that can detect changes in blood chemistry



Midbrain, pons, and medulla oblongata

Responsible for the most basic and vital human functions such as breathing, maintaining a heartbeat, sleeping, and other primitive functions



Main connection for neurons traveling between the brain and all other organs throughout the body

Any trauma caused by external forces or pathological reasons (disease) along this delivery system will affect and hinder functions at and below the location



Relay system; plays an important role in vision and hearing as well as motor control, sleep/wake cycles, alertness, and temperature regulation



Frontal, Parietal, Temporal, and Occipital



"Brainiest" part of the brain

Executive functioning (decision making); think, plan, solve, decide, emotional behavior)



Damage to frontal cortex will cause



Temporal lobe



Primary motor cortex



Wernicke's area



Broca's area



Memory formation and emotion also occur in the...



Parietal lobe



Occipital lobe



Located on the lower side of the cerebrum, just above the ears
 This is the auditory cortex. Auditory sensory information from the ears is processed within the auditory cortex



Damage to the frontal cortex can disrupt basic instincts and patients can be impulsive with inappropriate and have strange behavior



Located in the temporal lobe
 Responsible for receptive speech or language comprehension.
 Damage to this area can result in receptive aphasia



Controls voluntary movements, such as giving a thumbs up, or shooting a basketball



Temporal lobe
 Complications within the temporal lobe can result in hallucinations, aphasia, and amnesia



Found within the frontal lobe; responsible for language production. Damage to this area can result in expressive aphasia



Primary visual cortex - back of the brain
 Sensory information coming from the eyes will travel to the occipital cortex and will be processed into what is seen
 Problems in the occipital lobe can lead to visual field deficits, blindness, and visual hallucinations



Located just behind the frontal lobe and separated by the central sulcus
 Processes sensory information within the somatosensory cortex - taste, reading, and writing
 Complications within the parietal lobe could cause sensory-perceptual disturbances in perceptions resulting in increased, decreased, or distorted hearing; vision; touch sensation; smell or kinesthetic responses to stimuli



The Limbic System consists of...



Thalamus



The Limbic System is essential for...



Hippocampus



Hypothalamus



Amygdala



Broca's aphasia (expressive aphasia)



Increased levels of corticotropin releasing hormones in the amygdala, hippocampus and locus coeruleus can cause?



Smell and flow of sensory information; regulates emotions, memory, and related affective behaviors



Amygdala, hippocampus, hypothalamus, and thalamus



Converts short-term memory into long-term memory. Regulates motivation, stress, emotion, and learning



Essential for the regulation of emotion, memory, motivation, and behavior



Mediates mood, emotional memories, fear, anxiety, anger, stress, emotion, and aggression



Appetite, hunger, thirst, water balance, circadian rhythms, body temperature regulation, libido, and hormone regulation



Increased anxiety



Can occur due to a stroke, brain tumor, or brain trauma

A patient may have difficulty producing speech. They can understand and know what they want to say, but are not able to form words used in verbal communication



Wernicke's aphasia



CN III (CN 3)



Cranial Nerve I (CN 1)



CN IV (CN 4)



CN II (CN 2)



CN V (CN 5)



CN VII (CN 7)



CN VI (CN 6)



Oculomotor: Motor – adjust and coordinate eye position during movement. Move and blink eyes; pupils: reactions to light and accommodation; corneal reflex



Can happen as a result of hemorrhagic or ischemic stroke
 A patient may speak clearly and produce speech, but their speech has no meaning and may have difficulty understanding language



Trochlear: Motor – innervates superior oblique muscle to lift the eyes to look down. The nerve also enables the eyes movement toward the nose or away from it



Olfactory: Sense of smell and patency of the nasal passages



Trigeminal: Sensations in face and cheeks, taste and jaw movements; biting, chewing and swallowing, and facial and scalp sensations



Optic: Vision



Abducens: Motor – innervates the ipsilateral lateral rectus muscle with partially innervation of the contralateral medial rectus muscle to produce lateral eyeball movement



Facial: Facial expressions and sense of taste



CN VIII (CN 8)



CN XI (CN 11)



CN IX (CN 9)



CN XII (12)



CN X (CN 10)



Norepinephrine



Dopamine



Serotonin



Accessory: Shoulder and neck muscle movement



Vestibulocochlear: Sense of hearing and balance



Hypoglossal: Ability to move the tongue



Glossopharyngeal: Ability to taste and swallow



Produced in the locus coeruleus and medullary reticular formation



Vagus: Elevation of uvula and gag reflex



Produced in the raphe nuclei of the brainstem



Produced in the substantia nigra, nucleus accumbens, and ventral tegmental area (VTA)



Acetylcholine



Glutamate



γ -Aminobutyric acid (GABA)



Pharmacokinetics



Which drug class binds with GABA to "calm" a patient?



Pharmacodynamics



Inverse agonist effect



Agonist effect



The most abundant excitatory neurotransmitter. Too much glutamate will cause anxiety



Synthesized by the nucleus basalis of Meynert



How the body interacts with administered medications – what the BODY does to the drug



The most abundant inhibitory neurotransmitter

This is the calming neurotransmitter

A decrease in GABA will increase anxiety



How a drug (via molecular, biochemical, and physiologic effects or actions) affects the body – what the DRUG does to the body



Benzodiazepines



When a drug binds to a receptor and **ACTIVATES** or opens the ion channel



When a drug causes the **OPPOSITE EFFECT** of an agonist: binding and closing an ion channel



Partial agonist effect



A drug-drug interaction can cause...



Antagonist effect



If a patient is taking sertraline (Zoloft) and begins taking the mood stabilizer carbamazepine (Tegretol), what will occur?



It takes how many half-lives to eliminate a medication from the body?



If a patient is taking sertraline (Zoloft) and begins taking ritonavir (Norvir; a HIV retroviral), what will occur?



How does reduced kidney clearance effect medications?



How does liver disease impact enzyme activity and first-pass metabolism?



Delayed, decreased, or enhanced absorption of either drug

Decrease or increase the action of either or both drugs

Adverse effects



When a drug DOES NOT FULLY ACTIVATE the ion channel (less effective than an agonist)



Carbamazepine (Tegretol) is a known inducer. The inducer speeds up the metabolism of the other drug. So, sertraline metabolism INCREASES, resulting in an overall DECREASE in drug effectiveness



When a drug binds to a receptor and it DOES NOT ACTIVATE a biological response



Ritonavir (Norvir; a HIV retroviral) is a strong inhibitor, resulting in DECREASED metabolism of Zoloft and an overall INCREASE in the amount of sertraline (Zoloft) in the system



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Reduces drug clearance

Reduces the synthesis of plasma proteins and causes changes in liver blood flow and medication distribution

Results in TOXIC (high) drug levels (this can vary based on the chemical characteristics of the medication and severity of liver disease)



Reduction in kidney clearance can INCREASE drug serum concentrations resulting in symptoms such as confusion, tremors, slurred speech, and vomiting



Which mood stabilizer is cleared by the renal system?



Inducers



Which medications can INCREASE drug serum concentrations resulting in symptoms such as confusion, tremors, slurred speech, and vomiting?



Inhibitors



What occurs during old age that affects medication?



Cytochrome P-450 (CYP) enzymes



1A2



First-pass metabolism



DECREASE serum drug levels = Subtherapeutic



Lithium



INCREASE serum drug levels = Supratherapeutic



NSAIDS (ibuprofen [Advil or Motrin] and naproxen [Naprosyn or Aleve])

Thiazides (bumetanide [Bumex], ethacrynic acid [Edecrin], furosemide [Lasix])

ACE Inhibitors (lisinopril [Prinivil or Zestril])



Responsible for the metabolism of many psychotropic medications and can be inhibited or induced by certain drugs, resulting in significant drug-to-drug interactions and adverse reactions



DECREASED intracellular water

DECREASED protein binding capabilities (not necessarily caused by old age, but by the disease processes seen with aging)

DECREASED (low) muscle mass

DECREASED metabolism



Process by which the drug is metabolized by P-450 enzymes in the intestines and liver prior to going to systemic circulation



Inducers: Phenobarbital, Carbamazepine, Phenytoin, Tobacco

Inhibitors: Fluvoxamine, Fluoxetine, Paroxetine, Sertraline



2C9



3A4



2C19



Clozapine (Clozaril) is an atypical antipsychotic that is metabolized by the...



2D6



Inducers: Bull Shark CRAP GPS+



Inhibitors: can cause "Big Freaking Problems"



If a patient who smokes and is taking phenobarbital stops smoking what should the clinician do?



Inducers: Carbamazepine, Phenytoin, Phenobarbital, Saint John's Wort, Rifampin

Inhibitors: Fluvoxamine, Nefazodone, Clarithromycin, Erythromycin, Fluconazole



Inducers: Carbamazepine, Rifampin

Inhibitors: Valproic acid, Fluoxetine



P-450 enzyme 1A2



Inducers: Carbamazepine, Valproic acid, Phenobarbital, Phenytoin

Inhibitors: Fluvoxamine, Fluoxetine



Barbiturates
St John's Wart

Carbamazepine
Rifampin
Alcohol
Phenytoin

Griseofulvin
Phenobarbital
Sulfonylureas
+ smoking and the pill



Inducers: None

Inhibitors: Bupropion, Fluoxetine, Paroxetine, Duloxetine



The clinician needs to remember to adjust or decrease the dose of medication since it is no longer being induced (if not, there will be too much medication in the system)



Bupropion
Fluoxetine
Paroxetine



Blockage of Muscarinic acetylcholine receptors by antipsychotics can cause:



Blockage of Histamine receptors by antipsychotics can cause:



Blockage of A-1 norepinephrine receptors by antipsychotics can cause:



Blockage in the mesolimbic area pathway results in:



Blockage of Serotonin receptors by antipsychotics can cause:



Blockage in the mesocortical pathway results in:



Blockage in the tuberoinfundibular pathway results in:



Blockage in the nigrostriatal pathway may lead to:



Sedation, weight gain, insulin resistance, diabetes, and hyperlipidemia



Constipation, urinary retention, blurry vision, dry mouth, tachycardia, and cognitive impairment



A decrease in hallucinations, delusions, and other positive symptoms typically seen in schizophrenia or other psychotic conditions



Orthostatic hypotension and reflex tachycardia



Negative symptoms or diminished energy, lack of motivation, restrictions and emotions, and alterations in social engagements



Sedation and weight gain; however, modulation of these receptors may be the reason for improvement in treating depression and other bipolar disorders



Extrapyramidal symptoms (EPS), such as tardive dyskinesia, parkinsonian-like symptoms (i.e., tremors, muscle rigidity, and difficulty starting and stopping movement)



Decreased follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) and an increase in prolactin, resulting in amenorrhea, gynecomastia, galactorrhea, and/or sexual dysfunction



Akathisia = the “Ants in ‘yo pants” effect can cause:



Available treatment options for akathisia:



Akathisia is commonly measured using the...



Akinesia =



Akathisia is often mistaken for:



Pharmacological management of akinesia is:



What causes Pseudo-parkinsonism?



Pseudo-parkinsonism =



Beta-blockers (caution must be taken; beta-blockers can result in bronchospasms, do not give to a patient if they are already on a bronchodilator)

Benzotropine (Cogentin; anticholinergic)

Benzodiazepines



Restlessness
Pacing motions
Difficulty standing still
Feet constantly in motion
Rocking



The absence of movement; cannot initiate motion or has a lack of motivation to move



Barnes Akathisia Rating Scale (BARS) or the Extrapyrimal Symptom Rating Scale (ESRS)



Benzotropine (Cogentin; anticholinergic)



Increased anxiety



Stooped posturing
Shuffling gait
Rigidity
Bradykinesia
Tremors while at rest
Pill-rolling hand motions



The blockage of dopamine-2 (D2) receptors either pathologically or due to antipsychotic medication use



Pharmacological treatment for pseudo-parkinsonism?



Oculogyric Crises =



Acute Dystonia =



Oculogyric Crises can be treated with:



Acute Dystonia can be mistaken for:



Tardive Dyskinesia =



How long can it take for tardive dyskinesia to occur?



Tardive Dyskinesia can cause...



A rare presentation of acute dystonia, which can lead to permanent eye injury due to involuntary upward deviation of the eyes – bilaterally



Benzotropine (Cogentin; anticholinergic)



Benzotropine (Cogentin; anticholinergic)



Facial grimacing
 Involuntary upward eye movement
 Muscle spasms of the tongue, face, and/or neck
 Laryngeal spasms
 Symptoms may or may not be reversible



Iatrogenic movements caused by the blockade of dopamine receptors



Agitation or unusual stereotypical movements associated with schizophrenia



Rolling and protruding of the tongue
 Sucking and/or smacking of the lips
 Chewing motions
 Facial dyskinesia
 Involuntary movement of the extremities



It can take up to one to two years for tardive dyskinesia to present itself
 It can always occur acutely at the start of medication treatment or present chronically at any point after treatment



Treatment options for tardive dyskinesia:



Which medication is known for causing tardive dyskinesia (involuntary puckering/pursing of lips and sticking out of the tongue)



Besides Clozaril, what other medications can treat tardive dyskinesia?



The first-generation antipsychotics, or typicals, block almost all of which receptors?



Which medication should be avoided in a patient with tardive dyskinesia?



Second-generation antipsychotics, or atypicals, block...



A patient having mild anxiety should be treated with...



What are the three second generation antipsychotics with fewer instances of weight gain?



Metoclopramide (Reglan; antiemetic agent)



Reduce the medication dose

Stop the offending medication

Or switch to clozapine (Clozaril; atypical antipsychotic)



Dopamine (1 through 5) receptors



Deutetrabenazine (Austedo; selective vesicular monoamine transporter 2 [VMAT2] inhibitor)

Valbenazine (Ingrezza; VMAT2 inhibitor) are also FDA approved to treat tardive dyskinesia



Both D2 receptors and 5-HT2A (serotonin) receptors

The blockage of 5-HT2A may increase levels of dopamine in areas of the brain that are in need and often are deprived of dopamine when using a typical anti-psychotic and can reduce side effects



Benztropine (Cogentin; anticholinergic) should be AVOIDED because it is known to worsen tardive dyskinesia



Ziprasidone (Geodon)
Aripiprazole (Abilify)
Lurasidone (Latuda)

"ZAL" she's a skinny gal!



Psychotherapy only (or nothing)



Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome (NMS) =



Pharmacological management of NMS =



The provider will need to monitor which laboratory values with NMS?



What are the common classes of medications used to treat depression?



NMS presents with a characteristic pattern of symptoms:



Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs)



SNRIs can also be used for:



Serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs)



Administer bromocriptine (dopamine [D2] agonist)

Administer dantrolene (Dantrium; skeletal muscle relaxant) for extreme muscle rigidity

“BRO, you’ve got NMS! DAN, relax, I’ll be fine”



Adverse reactions to antipsychotic use

More common with first-generation antipsychotics

Causes extreme muscle rigidity and mutism

The provider will need to monitor laboratory values



SSRIs
SNRIs
TCAs
MAOIs
Atypicals



Increased CPK (caused by muscle destruction)

Myoglobinuria (caused by rhabdomyolysis)

Increased white blood cells (WBCs; leukocytosis)

Increased aspartate aminotransferase (AST) and alanine transaminase (ALT) on a liver function test (LFT)



Fluoxetine (Prozac)
Paroxetine (Paxil)
Sertraline (Zoloft)
Fuvoxamine (Luvox)
Citalopram (Celexa)
Escitalopram (Lexapro)

Are safer in overdose and can be given to many cancer patients d/t fewer drug interactions



"FEVER"

Fever
Encephalopathy
Vital sign instability
Elevated WBC and CPK
Rigidity



Desvenlafaxine (Pristiq)
Duloxetine (Cymbalta)
Levomilnacipran (Fetzima)
Venlafaxine (Effexor XR)



Neuropathic pain (Cymbalta)

So, if the patient presents with depression and neuropathic pain, consider using a SNRI



Tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs)



Hypertensive crisis may occur when taking an MAOI in conjunction with...



TCAs can cause:



Symptoms of hypertensive crisis:



Monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs)



Hypertensive crisis treatment plan:



Bupropion (Wellbutrin) is contraindicated with a patient history of...



Atypical antidepressants =



Foods containing tyramine

Strong or aged cheeses
Cured meats

Smoked or processed meats
Pickled or fermented foods

Sauces

Soybeans

Dried or overripe fruits

Yeast products

Alcoholic beverages (tap or home-brewed beer; red wine, sherry, and liqueurs)



Amitriptyline (Elavil)
Doxepin (Silenor)
Imipramine (Tofranil)
Nortriptyline (Pamelor)



Elevated blood pressure
Explosive headaches
Facial flushing
Heart palpitations
Pupillary dilation
Excessive sweating
Fever



Dry mouth
Slight blurring of vision
Constipation
Urinary complications
Drowsiness
Dizziness
Weight gain
Excessive sweating (especially at night)



Discontinue the offending agent

Administer phentolamine (Regitine; α -adrenergic agonist)



Tranlycypromine (Parnate)
Selegiline (Emsam)
Isocarboxazid (Marplan)



Bupropion (Wellbutrin; NDRI)
Mirtazapine (Remeron; α -2 receptor antagonist)
Trazodone (Molipaxin; serotonin modulator)



Seizures
Eating disorder (bulimia or anorexia)
It can decrease the seizure threshold and cause a seizure; or for a patient with an eating disorder, there is an increased risk for seizures d/t electrolyte imbalance



What can occur when there is too much serotonin in the system? Usually caused by taking too much medication or due to a drug-to-drug interaction



Serotonin Syndrome treatment plan:



Which drug combinations that can cause Serotonin Syndrome?



When switching from a SSRI to a MAOI, the patient will need to...



Symptoms of Serotonin Syndrome =



When switching from fluoxetine (Prozac) to a MAOI, the patient will need to...



Serotonin Discontinuation Syndrome =



When switching from a MAOI back to fluoxetine (Prozac), the patient will need to...



Discontinue the offending agent
 Administer Cyproheptadine
 (Periactin, antihistamine)



Serotonin Syndrome



Wait 14 days



SSRIs taken with MAOIs

Taking more than one SSRI at a time

Drug and herbal interactions. Some examples include ginseng, St. John's wort, Syrian rue, Garcinia cambogia (HCA), 5-HTP, SAME, and nutmeg



Wait 5 to 6 weeks



Hyperreflexia (overactive body reflexes)
 Myoclonic jerks
 Sweating
 Fever
 Extreme headaches
 Confusion
 Tachycardia (heart rate > 100 BPM in adults)
 Agitation



Wait 14 days



Occurs when a patient stops taking a SSRI or SNRI abruptly



Symptoms of Serotonin Discontinuation Syndrome =



Bipolar DIG FAST =



Never use an SSRI with a...



Bipolar MANIA medications:



SSRIs can increase...



Bipolar DEPRESSION medications



Carbamazepine (Tegretol; anticonvulsant) = **BLACK BOX WARNING**



Side effects of mood stabilizers



DIG FAST

Distractibility, impulsivity, grandiosity, flight of ideas, increased activity, decreased need for sleep, and talkativeness



Myoclonic jerks
Flu-like symptoms (worse with TCAs)
Fatigue
Myalgia (muscle aches and pain)
Decreased concentration
Nausea and vomiting
Ataxia (an unsteady gait)
Impaired memory
Agitation
Hyperreflexia



Lithium carbonate (Eskalith; antimanic)
Carbamazepine (Tegretol; anticonvulsant)
Divalproex (Depakote; anticonvulsant)
Oxcarbazepine (Trileptal; anticonvulsant)



MAOI



Lamotrigine (Lamictal; anticonvulsant)
Furasidone (Latuda; atypical antipsychotics)
Olanzapine-fluoxetine combo (Symbyax)
Quetiapine (Seroquel; atypical)



Lithium and carbamazepine serum levels



Stevens-Johnson Syndrome – STOP taking with these signs (Lamictal)

- Fever
- Sore throat
- Facial and tongue swelling
- Severe rash
- Skin sloughing
- Painful mucus membranes



Agranulocytosis (extremely low WBCs-type)
Aplastic anemia (pallor, fatigue, headache, fever, nose, bleeds, bleeding gums, skin, rash, and shortness of breath)



An Asian patient starting on a mood stabilizer must first...



First-line pharm treatment of OCD includes...



Always, ALWAYS perform what BEFORE starting a female patient (12-51 yo) on a mood stabilizer?



Medications are not treating personality disorders directly but used to target and improve the symptoms. What medications can treat the symptoms?



Anxiolytics (stress, panic, social anxiety, obsessive-compulsion...)



What medication is used to treat anorexia?



Medications that can cause mania:



What medication is used to treat bulimia?



Fluoxetine (Prozac)
 Sertraline (Zoloft)
 Fluvoxamine (Luvox)
 Citalopram (Celexa)
 Escitalopram (Lexapro)
 Vilazodone (Viibyrd)



Be screened for the HLAB-1502 allele before starting on carbamazepine (Tegretol; anticonvulsant), because of increased risk for carbamazepine-induced Stevens-Johnson Syndrome



Impulsivity/anger - SSRIs, atypicals
 Schizotypal-type - low dose olanzapine and risperidone
 Emotional instability - lithium, divalproex, atypicals



Perform a pregnancy test (HCG) and check pregnancy status BEFORE starting a female patient of child-bearing years (12-51) on a mood stabilizer due to increased risk of neural tube defects



There is no medication treatment specifically for anorexia nervosa, however, atypical antipsychotics (olanzapine; Zyprexa) can reduce delusional thinking associated with the need to lose weight



GAD - SSRIs, Buspar, Lyrica
 Stress-related anxiety - benzos, Atarax or Visaril
 Panic Disorder - benzos, antidepressants
 Social Phobia - Inderal, Effexor, SSRIs
 Stress-related Insomnia - Ambien, Lunesta, Restoril
 Nightmares - Minipress



Bulimia nervosa can be treated with antidepressants - Prozac



Steroids (can also cause psychosis)
 disulfiram (Antabuse)
 isoniazid (INH; antituberculosis agent)
 Antidepressants when taken by patients with BD



Medications that can cause depression:



Teratogenic Risks of benzodiazepines:



What medications can render mood stabilizers ineffective and what needs to be done about it?



Teratogenic Risks of carbamazepine:



Teratogenic Risks of lithium:



Teratogenic Risks of divalproex:



The GOLD standard for treating mania =



Lithium is considered at toxic levels when equal to or greater than...



Floppy infant syndrome (decrease muscle tone) and cleft palate (malformation of the mouth with an opening in the pallet that can result in difficulty communicating and feeding)



Steroids
 Isotretinoin (Accutane)
 Beta-blockers
 Interferon (Intron; cytokine)
 Retrovirals
 Antineoplastics
 Benzodiazepines
 Progesterone (Prometrium)



Neural tube defects (complications of the brain, spine, and/or spinal cord that can cause paralysis, urinary and bowel complications, blindness, deafness, developmental, intellectual disabilities, and death)



Fluticasone (Flonase; corticosteroid)
 Prednisone (Rayos; corticosteroid)
 Provider will need to make mood stabilizer dose adjustments after talking with the PCP



Neural tube defects and spina bifida (spinal cord that does not develop properly and can be seen on the skin above the spinal defect)



Ebstein anomaly (heart defect; tricuspid valve abnormality resulting in blood leakage back though the valve)



1.5 mEq/L



Lithium



There is strong evidence supporting the fact that lithium has an...



Side effects of lithium treatment:



Teratogenic Risks of divalproex:



Clozapine (Clozaril) has an increased risk for causing...



Baseline labs should be taken before starting lithium:



Neutropenia is defined as an ANC less than...



When should the PMHNP d/c clozapine d/t agranulocytosis?



When should the PMHNP d/c clozapine d/t neutropenia?



Hypothyroidism
 Coarse hand tremors
 Maculopapular rash
 Diarrhea, vomiting, and cramps
 Anorexia
 T-wave inversion as noted on ECG
 Leukocytosis (increased WBCs)



Anti-suicidal effect



Neutropenia and agranulocytosis



Neural tube defects and spina bifida (spinal cord that does not develop properly and can be seen on the skin above the spinal defect)



1500/ μ L



Thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH)
 Serum creatinine and blood urea nitrogen (BUN)
 Pregnancy test
 Electrocardiogram (ECG) for patients older than 50



Discontinue clozapine (Clozaril) with an ANC less than 1000/ μ L due to neutropenia



Discontinue clozapine (Clozaril) with a WBC of 2000-3000 per mcL due to agranulocytosis



What should the PMHNP do if a patient taking clozaril is having signs of sudden fever, chills, sore throat, weakness?



If a manic female patient is also promiscuous or hypersexual, the provider should...



Folic acid =



It is important to recommend that all women planning or capable of becoming pregnant take...





Recommend folic acid because of the chance she could become pregnant



D/c medication and check lab values. These are signs of an infection



Supports neural tube development during the first trimester of pregnancy



0.4 to 0.8 mg of folic acid daily

