



PSYCHIATRIC DIAGNOSIS AND PEDIATRIC PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY

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FDA



• FDA requires that drugs used in the United States be safe and effective



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• FDA approval:

 drug's use approved in doses, routes of administration and in specific populations

Label information:

- package insert
- Physicians Desk Reference
- advertising

Definition



 Off-label medication - a medication used at a different dose, for a different medical indication or in a different population than approved by the FDA

Off-Label Medications

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• Legal

- May represent standard of care
- Prescribers must be well informed about the product and base off-label use on sound medical evidence
- Maintain records of product's use and effects

Off-Label Medications



- > 70% of all medications in the PDR have no dosing information for pediatric patients or state that safety and efficacy have not been determined in children
- vast majority of chemotherapy agents are not approved for use in children or adolescents

Off-Label Medications



- 50% of medications prescribed for psychiatric disorders are not approved for use under 18 years
- Some are approved for medical illnesses, not psychiatric disorders
- 35% are approved for treatment of at least one psychiatric disorder



Dr Naylor, can I be excused? My brain is full!

Common Referral Symptoms

- Mood/affect disturbances

 depression
 - anxiety
 - mania
 - affective lability
- Self-destructive behavior

 suicidal behavior
 self-mutilation



Common Referral Symptoms

Disruptive behaviors
– inattention
– hyperactivity
– impulsivity
– aggression/rage
– explosivity

oppositional/defiant

Common Referral Symptoms

 Trauma-related - flashbacks - nightmares - overarousal • Other - enuresis - psychosis



Diagnostic Assessment

- History of complaint
- Medical history
- Psychiatric history
- Family history
- Social history
- Mental status examination

Treatment Planning

- Formulation
- Diagnosis
- Treatment plan



Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

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• 6 or more symptoms of inattention:

- fails to pay close attention
- difficulty sustaining attention
- does not seem to listen
- does not follow through on instructions or complete tasks
- difficulty organizing tasks
- avoids tasks that require sustained mental effort
- often loses things
- easily distracted
- forgetful

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

- 6 or more of the following symptoms of hyperactivity-impulsivity
 - hyperactivity
 - fidgets
 - cannot remain seated
 - runs about or climbs excessively
 - difficulty engaging in quiet activities
 - on the go
 - talks excessively
 - impulsivity
 - blurts out answers
 - difficulty waiting turn
 - interrupts others











- Child exposed to traumatic event
 - child witnessed or experienced event that involved threat of death or serious injury
 - child's response involved intense fear, helplessness, or horror



- Re-experiencing traumatic event
 - recurrent and intrusive distressing recollections (repetitive play)
 - recurrent dreams
 - feeling as if the event was re-occurring (flashbacks)
 - distress with exposure to symbolic cues
 - physiological reactivity with exposure to symbolic cues

- Avoidance of stimuli associated with trauma
 - avoidance of thoughts and feelings
 - effort to avoid activities
 - inability to recall
 - decreased interest
 - restricted range of affect
 - sense of foreshortened future

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Hyperarousal

- difficulty falling asleep

- irritability or anger outbursts
- difficulty concentrating
- hypervigilance

- exaggerated startle response



"TICK-TOCK, TICK-TOCK, TICK-TOCK, TICK-TOCK, ..."

Intermittent Explosive Disorder



- Failure to resist aggressive impulses that result in assault or destruction of property
- Aggression expressed is out of proportion to precipitant



"Hey! You wanna kick me? Go ahead! C'mon, tough guy! Cat got your tongue? Maybe he took your whole brain! ... C'mon! Kick me!"

Major Depression



- Five or more of the following symptoms have been present during the same 2 week period
 - depressed mood*
 - loss of interest/pleasure*
 - change in weight or appetite
 - sleep disturbance

(cont.)

* - one of these must be present.

Major Depression

- (cont.)
 - fatigue or loss of energy
 - feelings of worthlessness or inappropriate guilt
 - decreased concentration or indecisiveness
 - suicidal ideation or behavior, thoughts of death

Mania



Mania

- During the period of mood disturbance, 3 or more of the following symptoms are present:
 - inflated self-esteem or grandiosity
 - decreased need for sleep
 - pressured speech
 - flight of ideas
 - distractibility
 - increase in goal directed activity or psychomotor agitation
 - excessive involvement in pleasurable activities

Bipolar Disorder



- Currently (or most recently) in either a depressive or manic episode.
- There has previously been at least one manic/mixed or depressive episode.

Bipolar Disorder

- Subtypes

 bipolar I
 bipolar II
 - -NOS



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Schizophrenia

- Characteristic symptoms
 - delusions
 - hallucinations
 - disorganized speech
 - grossly disorganized or disorganized behavior
 - negative symptoms

Schizophrenia



Social/occupational dysfunction

 for a significant period of time since onset of disorder the level of social, occupational, and self-care has deteriorated below level attained before onset



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HOW NATURE SAYS, "DO NOT TOUCH."

Conduct Disorder



 Repetitive and persistent pattern of behavior in which the basic rights of other or major age appropriate societal norms or rules are violated.

Conduct Disorder



- 3 or more examples of the following in last 12 months with at least one in past 6 months:
 - Aggression to people and animals
 - Behavior causing property damage/loss
 - Deceitfulness or theft
 - Serious violations of rules


- Aggression to people and animals:
 - often bullies, threatens, or intimidates others
 - often initiates physical fights
 - has used a weapon that can cause serious physical harm to others
 - -has been physically cruel to people
 - has been physically cruel to animals
 - has stolen while confronting a victim
 - has forced someone into sexual activity



• Destruction of property:

- has deliberately engaged in fire setting with the intention of causing serious damage
- has deliberately destroyed others' property (other than by fire setting)

- Deceitfulness or theft
 - has broken into someone else's house, building, or car
 - often lies to obtain goods or favors or to avoid obligations
 - has stolen items of nontrivial value without confronting a victim



- Serious violations of rules:
 - often stays out at night despite parental prohibitions
 - has run away from home overnight at least twice while living in parental or parental surrogate home (or once without returning for a lengthy period)
 is often truant from school



Killer bees are generally thought to develop from larvae delinquents.

Oppositional Defiant Disorder

 Recurrent pattern of negative, defiant, disobedient and hostile behavior toward authority figures (> 6 months).

Oppositional Defiant Disorder

4 our more present:

- Loses temper
- Argues with adults
- Actively defies or refuses to comply with adults rules

- Deliberately annoys people
- Easily annoyed
- Blames others for his or her mistakes or misbehaviors
- Angry or resentful
- Spiteful or vindictive





Mental Retardation



 Significantly subaverage intellectual functioning: an IQ of approximately 70 or below on an individually administered IQ test.



Mental Retardation



 Concurrent deficits or impairments in present adaptive functioning in at least two of the following areas: communication, self-care, home living, social/interpersonal skills, use of community resources, self-direction, functional academic skills, work, leisure, health, and safety.

Mental Retardation

- Classification
 - Mild; > 50-55
 - Moderate; 35-40 to 50-55
 - Severe; 20-25 to 35-40
 - Profound <20-25



Autistic Disorder



- Symptoms from A, B, and C below:
 qualitative impairment in social interaction
 - qualitative impairments in communication
 - restricted repetitive and stereotyped patterns of behavior, interest and activities

Autistic Disorder



- Delays or abnormal functioning in one of following areas with onset before age 3:
 – social interaction
 - language
 - symbolic play



Asperger's Syndrome



- Qualitative impairment in social interaction.
- Restricted repetitive and stereotyped patterns of behavior, interests, and activities.

Asperger's Syndrome



- There is no clinically significant general delay in language.
- There is no clinically significant delay in cognitive development or in the development of age-appropriate selfhelp skills, adaptive behavior, and curiosity about the environment in childhood.

Reactive Attachment Disorder

- Markedly disturbed and developmentally inappropriate social relatedness in most contexts:
 - persistent failure to initiate or respond in a developmentally appropriate fashion to most social interactions
 - diffuse attachments as manifest by indiscriminate sociability with marked inability to exhibit appropriate selective attachments

Reactive Attachment Disorder



- Pathogenic care as evidenced by at least one of the following:
 - persistent disregard of the child's basic emotional needs for comfort, stimulation, and affection
 - persistent disregard of the child's basic physical needs
 - repeated changes of primary caregiver that prevent formation of stable attachments

Reactive Attachment Disorder

- The pathogenic care is responsible for the disturbed behavior.
- Subtypes:
 - Inhibited
 - Disinhibited





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That's true, Andre, that is not one of the listed side effects.

Medication Classifications

- ADHD Medications
- Antipsychotics
- Antidepressants
- Mood stabilizers
- Other Commonly Used Agents

ADHD Medications

- Psychostimulants
- Other
 - atomoxetine (Strattera)
 - alpha-agonists
 - antidepressants



Psychostimulants

- Methylphenidate preparations

 Ritalin
 - Concerta
 - Metadate
 - Methylin
 - (dexmethylphenidate) Focalin

Psychostimulants



Amphetamine preparations

 d-amphetamine (Dexedrine)
 mixed I- and d-amphetamine salts (Adderall)



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 Common side effects anorexia and weight loss – insomnia - irritability - headaches, stomach aches - increased HR, BP -tics May cause psychosis



Strattera

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Side Effects - stomach upset decreased appetite – mood swings - fatigue, insomnia - increased heart rate, blood pressure

- Common uses
 - psychosis
 - mania
 - aggression
 - -tics







Neuroleptics

- chlorpromazine(Thorazine)
- thioridazine (Mellaril)
- mesoridazine (Serentil)
- perphenazine (Trilafon)

- fluphenazine (Prolixin)
- haloperidol (Haldol)
- pimozide (Orap)
- trifluoperazine (Stelazine)
- thiothixene (Navane)

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 Common side effects - sedation - extrapyramidal side effects, dystonia – akathisia - weight gain - hypotension – cognitive dulling - affective blunting - elevated prolactin

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 Severe adverse effects - tardive dyskinesia - hepatotoxicity - agranulocytosis - ocular pigmentation - neuroleptic malignant syndrome - sudden death

 Atypical - risperidone (Risperdal) – olanzepine (Zyprexa) - quetiapine (Seroquel) - ziprasidone (Geodon) - clozapine (Clozaril) - aripiprazole (Abilify)



- Common side effects
 - extrapyramidal side effects (high dose)
 - hypotension
 - low white blood cell count
 - elevated prolactin
 - weight gain
 - elevated lipids
 - insulin resistance, diabetes mellitus II

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Common uses

depression
anxiety (SSRIs)
ADHD (bupropion, TCAs)
enuresis (TCAs)
insomnia (TCAs, trazodone, mirtazepine)

- Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors
- Serotonin/norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors
- Atypical
- Tricyclic antidepressants
- Monoamine oxidase inhibitors
- Others



Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors

fluoxetine (Prozac)
sertraline (Zoloft)
paroxetine (Paxil)
fluvoxamine (Luvox)
citalopram (Celexa)
escitalopram (Lexapro)

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 SSRI side effects – nausea, vomiting - dizziness - insomnia/sedation – Gl upset – weight loss - serotonin syndrome



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 Serotonin/norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors

 venlafaxine (Effexor)
 duloxetine (Cymbalta)


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Atypical antidepressants

 bupropion (Wellbutrin)
 trazodone (Desyrel)*
 nefazodone (Serzone)
 mirtazapine (Remeron)*



* - highly sedating, often used for treating insomnia

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Tricyclic antidepressants

imipramine (Tofranil)
desipramine (Norpramin)
nortriptyline (Pamelor)
amitryptyline (Elavil)
clomipramine (Anafranil)





- Tricyclic antidepressants side effects
 - dry mouth, dry eyes, constipation, blurred vision
 - cardiac conduction abnormalities
 confusion

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Monoamine oxidase inhibitors

 tranylcypromine (Parnate)
 phenelzine (Nardil)
 pelegeline (Ensam)





Monoamine oxidase inhibitors

 rarely used in adolescents
 tyramine reaction – need special diet



- Other
 - Symbyax
 - Combination medication fluoxetine/olanzepine
 - fixed dosages



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• Uses:

- bipolar disorders
 - mood disorders
 - mania
 - mood instability
- aggression



- LiCO₃
- divalproex sodium (Depakote)
- carbamazepine (Tegretol)
- topiramate (Topamax)
- oxcarbazepine (Trileptal)
- lamotrigine (Lamictal)



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• LiCO₃

treatment of acute manic and depressive episodes

- prevention of recurrence
- reduction of mood instability between episodes
- excreted by the kidney

 LiCO₃ side effects - neurologic - gastrointestinal - renal - cardiovascular - endocrinologic - dermatologic - other

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• Divalproex sodium side effects

- neuropsychiatric
- hematologic
- gastrointestinal
- hepatic
- dermatologic
- other



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Carbamazepine side effects

- neurological
- gastrointestinal
- hematologic
- dermatologic
- hepatic



Other Commonly Used Agents

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- α agonists
 - clonidine (Catapres)
 - guanfacine (Tenex)
- propranolol (Inderal)
- desmopressin (DDAVP)
- benztropine mesylate (Cogentin)

α - Agonists

Uses:

 ADHD
 PTSD
 tic disorders
 aggression
 insomnia

α - Agonists

- Side effects
 - sedation
 - irritability
 - dizziness
 - sleep disturbance

- dry mouth
- hypotension
- bradycardia
- prolonged PR
 interval

Desmopressin

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• DDAVP

Synthetic analogue of vasopressin

 concentration of urine
 oral or nasal spray

 High risk of relapse on discontinuation

Desmopressin

 Adverse effects - headaches - stomach upset – nasal stuffiness* – nose bleeds* - water intoxication hyponatremic seizures





* - nasal spray contraindicated for enuresis

Propranolol

- β blocker
- dosages to 640 mg/d
- used for aggression:
 - mental retardation
 - autism
 - central nervous system dysfunction
- onset of the antiaggressive effect 4 to 8 weeks

Propranolol

- Side effects
 - bradycardia
 - hypotension
 - blood pressure
 - bronchospasm
 - lethargy
 - nightmares





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Preparing for the first visit

- explain the purpose
 - address guilt feelings, not a punishment
 - tell your child what
- gather information for the doctor
 - list of symptoms
 - history of your child's previous illnesses and medical conditions
 - list of current medications
 - family history of illnesses (if known)

- Preparing for the first visit
 - be organized and focused when giving the history
 - keep a log of your child's treatments and how he or she responded
 - keep copies of diagnostic and lab tests
 - keep your child's physician informed
 - connect all the doctors to your child's primary care physician

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Follow-up care

- stay on top of appointments
- follow through on giving the medication as prescribed
- be an informed consumer
- ask questions
- -feel free to request a second opinion



Partnering in care

- ask questions about the diagnosis and proposed treatment
- encourage your child to ask questions
- ask about goals and objectives
- ask about "wrap around" or other individualized services
- help your child learn about their condition