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The selection of an appropriate antipsychotic drug and dosing regimen is critical to maximizing clinical benefit and improving functional outcome in patients with schizophrenia. The selection of a medication regimen requires consideration of the comparative pharmacodynamic profiles of available agents in terms of efficacy and tolerability. Treatment optimization also requires careful evaluation of pharmacokinetic factors that may impact the specific dosing regimen.² By remaining up-to-date on the evidence base regarding the psychopharmacology of atypical antipsychotics, clinicians can make rational treatment decisions that will improve the outcome of their patients. In this interactive, case-based neuroscienceCME TV activity, faculty will review the pharmacologic profiles of atypical antipsychotic drugs, and through patient case examples, will discuss evidence-based strategies for optimizing dosing and maximizing symptom remission and functional outcome in patients with schizophrenia.

- Mauri MC, Volonteri LS, Colasanti A, Fiorentini A, De Gaspari IF, Bareggi SR. Clinical pharmacokinetics of atypical antipsychotics. A critical review of the relationship between plasma concentrations and clinical response. Clin Pharmacokinet 2007;46:359-388
- Haddad PM, Sharma SG. Adverse effects of atypical antipsychotics. Differential risk and clinical implications. CNS Drugs 2007;21:911-936.

To apply concepts related to the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of atypical antipsychotics to patient cases and to review current evidence on dosing strategies.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this CE activity, participants should be able to:

- Compare and contrast atypical antipsychotics with respect to receptor binding and clinical
- Evaluate atypical antipsychotics in terms of pharmacokinetic considerations related to dosing.
- · Apply techniques from patient case vignettes to optimize outcomes with appropriate dose selection regimen.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, psychologists, social workers, case managers, pharmacists, and other clinicians interested in learning state-of-the-art strategies for dosing atypical antispsychotics.

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