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The Impact of Adherence on Maintenance **Treatment in Schizophrenia**

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STATEMENT OF NEED

Shared decision-making is a vital part of developing a maintenance treatment plan to support remission and long-term functional recovery in patients with schizophrenia. A vital part of this process is the discussion of various medications with respect to safety, side effects, and complexity of regimen. The impact of maintenance pharmacotherapy is often limited due to poor medication adherence and treatment strategies that maximize adherence can improve outcomes. In this patient population, rates of medication nonadherence range from 40-55%1 and may be even higher in patients with more pronounced deficits, more severe symptoms, higher rates of relapse, and relatively little social support. Evidence-based strategies exist for facilitating adherence; consideration of issues related to adherence during treatment decisionmaking has the potential to reduce relapse and improve outcomes. In this neuroscienceCMETV activity, experts will review the importance of medication adherence to remission and recovery, and will discuss strategies to translate evidence into improved long-term outcomes for their patients.

1 Lacro JP, et al. Prevalence of and risk factors for medication nonadherence in patients with schizophrenia: a comprehensive review of recent literature. J Clin Psychiatry 2002;63:892-909.

ACTIVITY GOAL

To describe the importance of remission and recovery as treatment goals in patients with schizophrenia, and to review strategies for optimizing outcomes by employing techniques to improve patient adherence to maintenance pharmacotherapy.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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

- Define and operationalize remission in schizophrenia.
- Discuss available data regarding medication nonadherence in patients with schizophrenia.
- Compare and contrast the efficacy and tolerability of atypical antipsychotics as maintenance therapy.
- Utilize expert recommendations and evidence to develop individualized treatment plans that improve adherence and outcomes for patients with schizophrenia.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, psychologists, social workers, certified case managers, pharmacists, and other healthcare professionals interested in mental health.

COMMERCIAL SUPPORT

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