DEPRESSION TREATMENT OVERVIEW

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Learning Objectives

- Recognize risk factors for depression
- Understand how individual risk factors for depression inform treatment plan decisions
- List evidence-based non-pharmacological options for treating depression
- Identify whether psychosocial interventions, medication, psychotherapy or a combination is preferred based on depression severity
- Identify which class an antidepressant agent belongs to based on mechanism of action (MOA)

Biopsychosocial Risk Factors

Biological

Previous episode of depression

History of mental illness or substance use

Family history of depression or suicide

Chronic medical illness

Female

Postpartum or postmenopausal

Psychological

Negative thinking style (neuroticism)

Low self-esteem / hopelessness

Maladaptive coping strategies

Social

Poor social support system

Low educational status

Major life change, stressor or loss

Intimate partner violence

Disturbed family environment

Lifetime trauma

Ferenchick E, Ramanuj P, Pincus HA. Depression in primary care: part 1 – screening and diagnosis. BMJ. 2019;365:I794.

Biopsychosocial Treatment

Biological

- Antidepressants
- Augmenting agents
- Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT),
 Transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS)

Psychological & Social

- Behavioral activation
- Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT)
- Interpersonal psychotherapy (IPT)

Note: benefits of antidepressant over placebo increases with severity and duration of depressive symptoms

Acute Treatment Selection

Subthreshold depression

- -Repeat screening in 1 year
- -Psychosocial interventions
- -Pharmacotherapy not recommended unless chronic in nature

Mild depression (minimal functional impairment)

- -Psychotherapy and/or behavioral activation
- -Pharmacotherapy if persistent symptoms

Education, physical activity, behavioral activation, teambased care, active monitoring & referral

Moderate depression (moderate functional impairment)

-Psychotherapy and/or pharmacotherapy

Severe (marked functional impairment)

-Pharmacotherapy necessary and psychotherapy when able

Available Antidepressants

TCA = tricyclic antidepressant **MAO-I** = monoamine oxidase
inhibitor

SSRI = selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor

SNRI = serotoninnorepinephrine reuptake inhibitor

NDRI = norepinephrinedopamine reuptake inhibitorNMDA = N-Methyl-D-Aspartate

TCAs

Imipramine (Tofranil®)

Amitriptyline (Elavil®)

Clomipramine (Anafranil®)

Doxepin (Silenor®)

Desipramine (Norpramin®)

Nortriptyline (Pamelor®)

MAO-Is

Phenelzine (Nardil®)

Tranylcypromine (Parnate®)

Selegiline (Emsam®)

Miscellaneous

Mirtazapine (Remeron®)

Trazodone (Oleptro™)

Nefazodone (Serzone®)

Vilazodone (Viibryd™)

Vortioxetine (Trintellix™)

SSRIs

Citalopram (Celexa®)

Escitalopram (Lexapro®)

Fluoxetine (Prozac®, Prozac® Weekly™,

Sarafem®)

Fluvoxamine (Luvox® CR)

Paroxetine (Paxil®, Paxil CR®)

Sertraline (Zoloft®)

SNRIs

Venlafaxine (Effexor®, Effexor XR®)

Desvenlafaxine (Pristiq®)

Duloxetine (Cymbalta®)

Levomilnacipran (Fetzima®)

NDRIs

Bupropion (Wellbutrin®, Wellbutrin SR®, Wellbutrin XL®)

NMDA receptor antagonist

Esketamine (Spravato™)

Activity Break

• Take 1 minute to think about what factors you would consider when selecting a specific antidepressant agent for a patient with depression. Write these down on a sheet of paper or electronic device so you can compare to those I've identified on the next slide.

Treatment Selection

- Selection based on patient and treatment specific factors:
 - Expected efficacy
 - Expected acceptability, tolerability, safety
 - Population-level comparison data (head to head trials, meta-analyses)
 - Patient's prior medication experience (response, tolerability)
 - History of 1st degree relative's medication response
 - Concurrent medical/mental health conditions
 - Depression presentation / target symptoms
 - Expected short and long-term side effects
 - Other medications (risk for drug interaction)
 - Risk for toxicity in overdose (suicidal ideation)
 - Patient's history of adherence (short vs long half-life agents, single vs split daily dosing)
 - Access to treatment: cost/insurance, availability
 - Pharmacogenomics
 - Patient preferences

Practice Assignments (non-graded)

- Module 7 Depression Clinical Presentation Practice Quiz
 - Goal: practice recognizing risk factors for depression

Questions??

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