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# Four-Part Case Series: Treatment Challenges in Schizophrenia - Q&A Session I & II

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The newer treatments that have become available are better tolerated with improved side-effect profiles and may have an important role in improving social functioning. There has been an unmet need for better tolerated antipsychotics with broad-based symptom control that improve patient functioning. Recently, FDA-approved agents that offer partial D2 receptor agonism and have other unique properties that may affect the clinical profile offer the possibility of improved symptom management and reduced adverse effects.

In this CME Outfitters patient case and expert consult Q & A session, faculty will go in-depth with the case study answering your questions while offering evidence, guidelines, and quality measures to improve the long term management of patients with schizophrenia.

1. Roberts RJ, Findlay LJ, El-Mallakh PL, El-Mallakh RS. Update on schizophrenia and bipolar disorder: focus on cariprazine. *Neuropsychiatr Dis Treat.* 2016;12:1837-1842.

## Learning Objectives

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

- Evaluate the efficacy and safety profiles of recent FDA-approved agents to treat schizophrenia for inclusion into appropriate treatment plans.
- Incorporate into practice the latest advances in the management of schizophrenia.

## Target Audience

Psychiatrists, pharmacists, and other members of the interprofessional team caring for individuals with schizophrenia.

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**Learning Objective 2**

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**Revisiting the Case of TC**

- TC is a 24-year-old man who has had two hospitalizations for psychosis
- He first became ill at the age of 19
- Though his psychotic symptoms are largely under control, he shows little motivation

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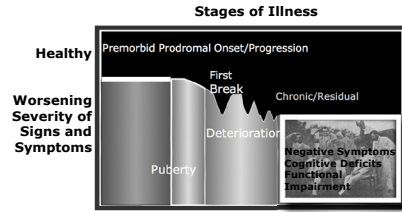


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**Natural History of Schizophrenia:  
Rationale for Early Detection and Intervention**



Lieberman JA, et al. Biol Psychiatry. 2001;50(11):884-897.

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**Diagnostic Considerations for TC**

- Confirming his diagnosis
- Differentiating schizophrenia from other conditions that mimic schizophrenia
- Course of Illness
- Family history
- Medical and/or psychiatric comorbidities

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**Treatment Goals for Schizophrenia:  
APA Guidelines**

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| <p><b>Acute Phase</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Prevent harm to self or others</li> <li>● Control disturbed behavior</li> <li>● Reduce severity of psychosis</li> <li>● Address precipitating factors</li> <li>● Return to best level of functioning</li> <li>● Develop alliance with patient and family</li> <li>● Formulate treatment plan</li> <li>● Facilitate aftercare</li> </ul> | <p><b>Stabilization Phase</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reduce stress on patient</li> <li>● Minimize likelihood of relapse</li> <li>● Enhance adaptation to life in community</li> <li>● Facilitate symptom reduction and remission</li> <li>● Promote recovery</li> </ul> | <p><b>Stable Phase</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sustain symptom remission or control</li> <li>● Ensure maintenance or continued improvement of functioning and QoL</li> <li>● Treat exacerbation of symptoms or relapses</li> <li>● Monitor for adverse treatment effects</li> </ul> |
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American Psychiatric Association. Available at [http://psychiatryonline.org/pb/assets/raw/sitewide/practice\\_guidelines/guidelines/schizophrenia.pdf](http://psychiatryonline.org/pb/assets/raw/sitewide/practice_guidelines/guidelines/schizophrenia.pdf). Accessed June 29, 2017.

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### Revisiting the Case of TC

- His family is exasperated and does not know how hard to push or encourage him.

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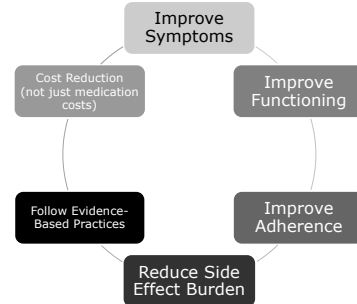


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### Best Practices for Recovery




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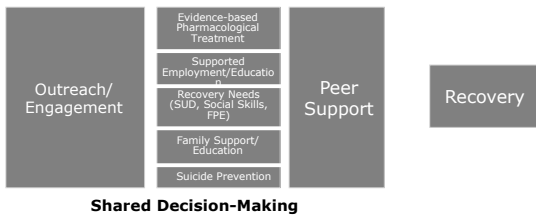


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### Connection Team Interventions



National Institute of Mental Health. Available at <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/schizophrenia/raise/state-health-administrators-and-clinics.shtml>. Accessed June 29, 2017.

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### Revisiting the Case of TC

- He has not responded to a trial of antidepressants

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### FDA-Approved Antipsychotics

- Chlorpromazine - 1957
- Perphenazine - 1957
- Trifluoperazine - 1959
- Fluphenazine\* - 1960
- Thioridazine - 1962
- Haloperidol\* - 1967
- Thiothixene - 1967
- Molindone - 1974
- Loxapine - 1975
- Pimozide - 1984
- Clozapine - 1989
- Risperidone\* - 1993
- Olanzapine\* - 1996
- Quetiapine - 1997
- Ziprasidone - 2001
- Aripiprazole\* - 2002
- Paliperidone\* - 2006
- Iloperidone - 2009
- Asenapine - 2009
- Lurasidone - 2010
- Brexpiprazole - 2015
- Caniprazine - 2015
- Pimavanserin\*\* - 2016

\*Has long-acting injectable formulation; \*\*Not FDA-approved for schizophrenia [Package Insert]. Drugs@FDA Website.

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### Nonpharmacological Treatments

- Cognitive Remediation Therapy
  - Helps to improve cognitive deficits
- Cognitive Adaptation Training
  - Helps bypass cognitive deficits
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
  - Psychotherapy to target symptoms; durable over time
- Individual Placement and Supported Employment
  - Help patient get into competitive job they would like to do

Fredrick MM, et al. *Schizophr Res.* 2015 Aug;166(1-3):290-6; Patel KR, et al. *P T.* 2014 Sep; 39(9): 638-645; Barlati S, et al. *Schizophr Res Treatment.* 2013;2013:156084.

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### The Do's and Don'ts of Managing Patients Like TC

- Dosing/titration
- Switching
- Adjunctive therapy
- Initial treatment considerations
- Patient follow-up intervals
- Management of comorbidities
- Shared decision-making

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### SMART Goals: Managing Patients Like TC

- Recovery, not just symptomatic remission, should be the goal of therapy
- Accurately diagnose schizophrenia; differential diagnosis is critical
- Identifying appropriate therapy includes:
  - utilizing evidence-based strategies
  - considering safety and tolerability profiles of agents
  - understanding patient preferences
  - monitoring treatment outcomes

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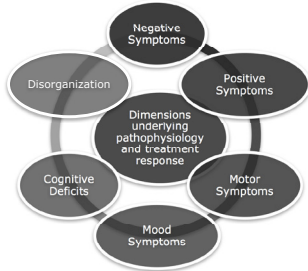
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### Heterogeneity of Schizophrenia



Tandon R, et al. *Schizophr Res.* 2009;110(1-3):1-23.

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### A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Recovery in Schizophrenia

Erika Jääskeläinen<sup>1,2\*</sup>, Paullina Jouta<sup>1</sup>, Noora Hirvonen<sup>1,3</sup>, John J. McGrath<sup>4</sup>, Sukanta Saha<sup>5</sup>, Matti Isohanni<sup>1</sup>, Juhana Vajjala<sup>1</sup>, and Aninka Marttunen<sup>1,6</sup>  
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**Conclusions:**  
 Based on the best available data, approximately, 1 in 7 individuals with schizophrenia met criteria for recovery. Despite major changes in treatment options in recent decades, the proportion of recovered cases has not increased.

Jääskeläinen E, et al. *Schizophr Bull.* 2013;39(6):1296-1306.

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### Specified Aims of Recovery After an Initial Schizophrenia Episode (RAISE) Initiative

- Develop a comprehensive and integrated intervention to
  - Promote symptomatic recovery
  - Minimize disability
  - Maximize social, academic, and vocational functioning
  - Be capable of being delivered in real-world settings utilizing current funding mechanisms
- Assess the overall clinical impact and cost-effectiveness of the intervention as compared to currently prevailing treatment approaches
  - Conduct the comparison in non-academic, real-world community treatment settings in the United States

Kane JM, et al. *Am J Psychiatry.* 2016;173(4):362-372.

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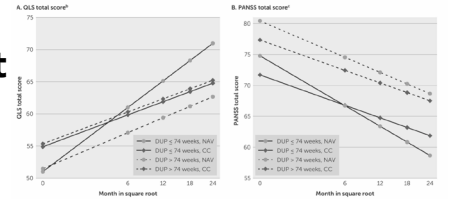


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### Impact of Untreated Psychosis on Patient Outcomes

#### DUP and QLS and PANSS Outcomes

FIGURE 3. Heinrich-Carpenter Quality of Life (QLS) Total Score and PANSS Total Score: Effects of Shorter or Longer Duration of Untreated Psychosis (DUP) Based on a Model With Square Root Transformation of Months\*



\*In the model, DUP and DUP by square root of time by treatment terms were included as covariates in addition to the covariates listed in Table 2. The QLS by square root of time terms was found not to be significant for either outcome. PANSS=Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale, CC=Community Care, NAV=Non-Residential Care.  
 \*DUP by treatment by square root of time interaction, p=0.003.  
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DUP = duration of untreated psychosis; QLS = quality of life scale; PANSS = positive and negative syndrome scale.  
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### Challenges in Predicting Treatment Response

- Characterizing drug response
  - Assessing treatment efficacy
  - Nonadherence
  - Treatment duration
  - Polypharmacy (medical and psychiatric comorbidities)
- Patient characteristics
  - Course of illness
  - Comorbidities
  - Unclear diagnostic boundaries
  - Risk of side effects

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### Antipsychotic Response

- About 70-80% of patients with First-episode psychosis experience a remission in psychotic symptoms within the first year of treatment
- One-year recurrence (weighted mean) 77% following discontinuation of antipsychotic medication
- Two-year - 90%
- Approximately, a third of patients with schizophrenia show limited if any response to first-line antipsychotic medications

Lieberman JA, et al. *Arch Gen Psychiatry*. 1993;50(5):369-376.  
 Zipursky RB, et al. *Schizophr Res*. 2014;152(2-3):408-414.  
 Lindenmayer JP. *Psychiatr Q*. 2000;71(4):373-384.

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### Lurasidone: Long-term Maintenance in Schizophrenia

- Double-blind, placebo-controlled, randomized withdrawal study enrolled adults (N = 676) aged 18 to 75 years with diagnosis of schizophrenia currently experiencing an acute exacerbation
  - PANSS total score  $\geq$  80 and at least 1 positive subscale item score  $\geq$  4
  - CGI-S scale score  $\geq$  4
- Patients received 12–24 weeks of open-label treatment with lurasidone (40–80 mg/d, flexibly dosed).
- Those reaching stabilization criteria were randomized to lurasidone (N = 144) or placebo (N = 141).

Tandon R, et al. *J Psychopharmacol*. 2016;30(1):69-77.

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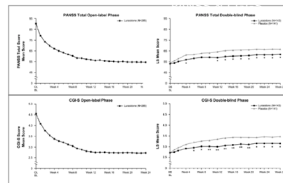


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### Lurasidone: Long-term Maintenance in Schizophrenia (cont.)



- The efficacy of lurasidone for the maintenance treatment of patients with schizophrenia was demonstrated
- In the double-blind phase, lurasidone significantly delayed time to relapse compared with placebo reflecting a 33.7% reduction in risk of relapse
- Probability of relapse at the double-blind week 28 endpoint was 42.2% in the lurasidone group and 51.2% in the placebo group.
- Minimal changes in weight, lipid, glucose, and prolactin were observed throughout the study.

Tandon R, et al. *J Psychopharmacol*. 2016;30(1):69-77.

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### Brexpiprazole: Long-term Maintenance in Schizophrenia

- FDA has approved labeling update for maintenance treatment of schizophrenia (September 24, 2016)
  - Adults (N = 202) with schizophrenia aged 18 to 65 years in a long-term randomized withdrawal trial
  - Cross-titration from a prior antipsychotic to brexpiprazole and a 12 to 36-week, single-blind brexpiprazole stabilization phase.
  - After symptomatically stable on brexpiprazole for 12 consecutive weeks in the stabilization phase, patients randomized in a double-blind treatment phase to either brexpiprazole (N = 97) or placebo (N = 105).

Fleischhacker WW, et al. *Int J Neuropsychopharmacol.* 2016 Oct 13. pii: pyw076.

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### Brexpiprazole: Long-term Maintenance in Schizophrenia (cont.)

- The primary efficacy endpoint was the time from randomization to impending relapse. Safety and tolerability were also assessed.
- Relapse determined by worsening symptoms defined by changes in PANSS or CGI-I scores; hospitalization for worsening psychotic symptoms; suicidal behavior or; violent/aggressive behavior.
- The final analysis demonstrated a statistically significant longer time to relapse (13.5% brexpiprazole vs 38.5% placebo) (hazard ratio: 0.292,  $p < .0001$ ) in patients randomized to brexpiprazole (1 mg/day to 4 mg/day) compared to placebo.

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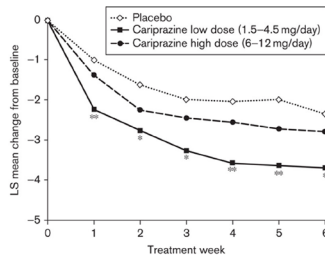


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### Low-Dose Cariprazine Significantly Reduces PANSS Negative Scores



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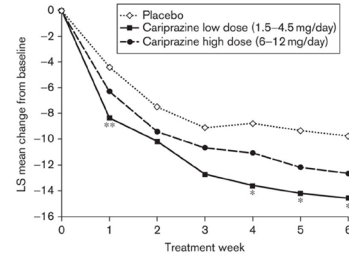


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### Optimized Intervention and Team

- Multi-element (e.g., psychiatric care and medications, supported education/ employment, skills and substance abuse treatment, family support, suicide prevention)
- Multi-disciplinary team
  - Team Leader (Master's-level clinician)
  - Supported employment/supported education specialist
  - Recovery Coach (self-management, substance abuse, family)
  - Psychiatrist
- Individualized approach
- Developmentally flexible

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