How to navigate independent information, advice, and commentary on psychotropic drugs

Empowering decision-making in mental health

Psychotropic Drug Directory

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The contents page for Psychotropic Drug Directory lists the different sections of the publication. Click a section to view more detail and to navigate to the information. This is ideal if you are new to using Psychotropic Drug Directory and aren't sure where to find things.

You can also access the search bar here, at the top of the page.
There are seven main sections of Psychotropic Drug Directory:

**Section 1**

**Drug Treatment Options in Psychiatric Illness** is aimed at assessing medicines management options for treating mental health conditions such as aggression or anxiety disorder and includes information on symptoms and the role of medicines. This section is particularly useful when patients are not responding to treatment, and you need information on what else to try.
Section 2

Selecting Drugs, Doses and Preparations helps with choosing a specific medicine and dose, along with information on commencing, switching, and discontinuing psychotropic drugs.

There are often helpful tables for this such as this one giving equivalent doses of antidepressants. This section can also help answer questions like ‘what happens if a patient misses a dose?’ (particularly around some of the long-acting injections).
Section 3

Psychotropics in Problem Areas aids medicines choice in a patient with comorbidities. Such as assessing which antipsychotic is the safest in patients with diabetes.
Section 4

Drug Interactions includes advice on drug–drug interactions – Subscribers of Stockley’s Drug Interactions can use the Stockley’s Drug Interactions Checker icon to access more detail on drug–drug interactions and information on the management and mechanism of the interaction.
Section 5

Drug-Induced Psychiatric Disorders contains helpful information on mental health problems that can be drug-induced and allows you to check if a psychotropic medicine has the potential to cause a specific adverse effect.
Section 6

Management of Side-Effects provides details for when a medicine works, but where the side-effects limit effectiveness. Use this section to answer questions such as ‘Can I manage that side effect? What are my options? If I need to switch, what would I need to switch to?’

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Section 7

Psychotropic Drugs outlines the availability of psychotropic medicines in the UK.

This information is enhanced with links to other knowledge products through MedicinesComplete including Electronic Medicines Compendium (emc), where you can find additional information from the manufacturers including manufacturer drug information (SPC) and patient information leaflets (PIL).
Supporting the optimal and rational use of medicines

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