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Glossary of Terms for Medication

Handout 4a

Medication	Type	Prescribed for..	Common Brand Names
Benzodiazepines	Tranquilizer	Reduce anxiety, prevent seizures, muscle relaxant	Valium, Temazepam, Xanax
Carbamazepine	Anticonvulsant	Epilepsy, Bipolar Disorder	Tegretol, Tegretol PR, Carbagen
Chlorpromazine	Antipsychotic	Schizophrenia, Mania/hypomania, severe anxiety (short-term)	Thorazine and Largactil
Clozapine	Antipsychotic	Schizophrenia	Zaponex, Denzapineand Clozaril.
Duloxetine	Antidepressant	Depression, anxiety and nerve pain	Cymbalta, Yentreve
Fluphenazine	Antipsychotic	Schizophrenia	Prolixin, Permitil
Fluvoxamine	Antidepressant	Depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder	Luvox, Faverin
Haloperidol	Antipsychotic	Schizophrenia, paranoid psychoses, mania	Haldol
Mirtazapine	Antidepressant	Major depressive disorders	Zispin
Olanzapine	Antipsychotic	Schizophrenia, Bipolar disorder	Zalasta, Zyprexa
Tricyclic antidepressants	Antidepressants	Depression, migraine, OCD, recurrent headaches	Tryptizol, Anafranil, Prothiaden, Sinequan

Antipsychotic Medication

These are a range of medications that are used for some types of mental distress or disorder - mainly schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. They can also be used to help severe anxiety or depression. They can help with people suffering from: hearing voices, delusions and thought disorder.

Antidepressant Medication

Antidepressants are a type of medication used to treat clinical depression or prevent it recurring. They can also be used to treat a number of other conditions, including: obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD), generalised anxiety disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Antidepressants are also sometimes used to treat people with long-term pain.

Tricyclic antidepressants

TCAs are an older type of antidepressant. They are not usually recommended as a first-line treatment for depression because they can be more dangerous if an overdose is taken. They also cause more unpleasant side effects.

Tranquilizer

A drug that makes people feel calmer or less anxious; sometimes used to make people sleepy or unconscious.

Anticonvulsant

Used to control or to prevent convulsions (as in epilepsy).

Schizophrenia

Schizophrenia is a psychotic disorder (or a group of disorders) marked by severely impaired thinking, emotions, and behaviours.

Bipolar Disorder

Bipolar disorder, formerly known as manic depression, is a condition that affects your moods, which can swing from one extreme to another.

People with bipolar disorder have periods or episodes of depression or mania (less severe condition is hypomania).