

# 항우울제 사용의 원칙



# Who should be treated with pharmacotherapy?

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- Most **second-generation antidepressants** as first-line treatments for patients with a major depressive episode of moderate or greater severity (as determined by symptom scales and/or functional impairment).
- First-line treatments for individuals with depression of mild severity include **psychoeducation, self-management, and psychological treatments**.
- Pharmacological treatments can be considered for mild depression in some situations, including patient preference, previous response to antidepressants, or lack of response to nonpharmacological interventions.

# Principles of pharmacotherapy management

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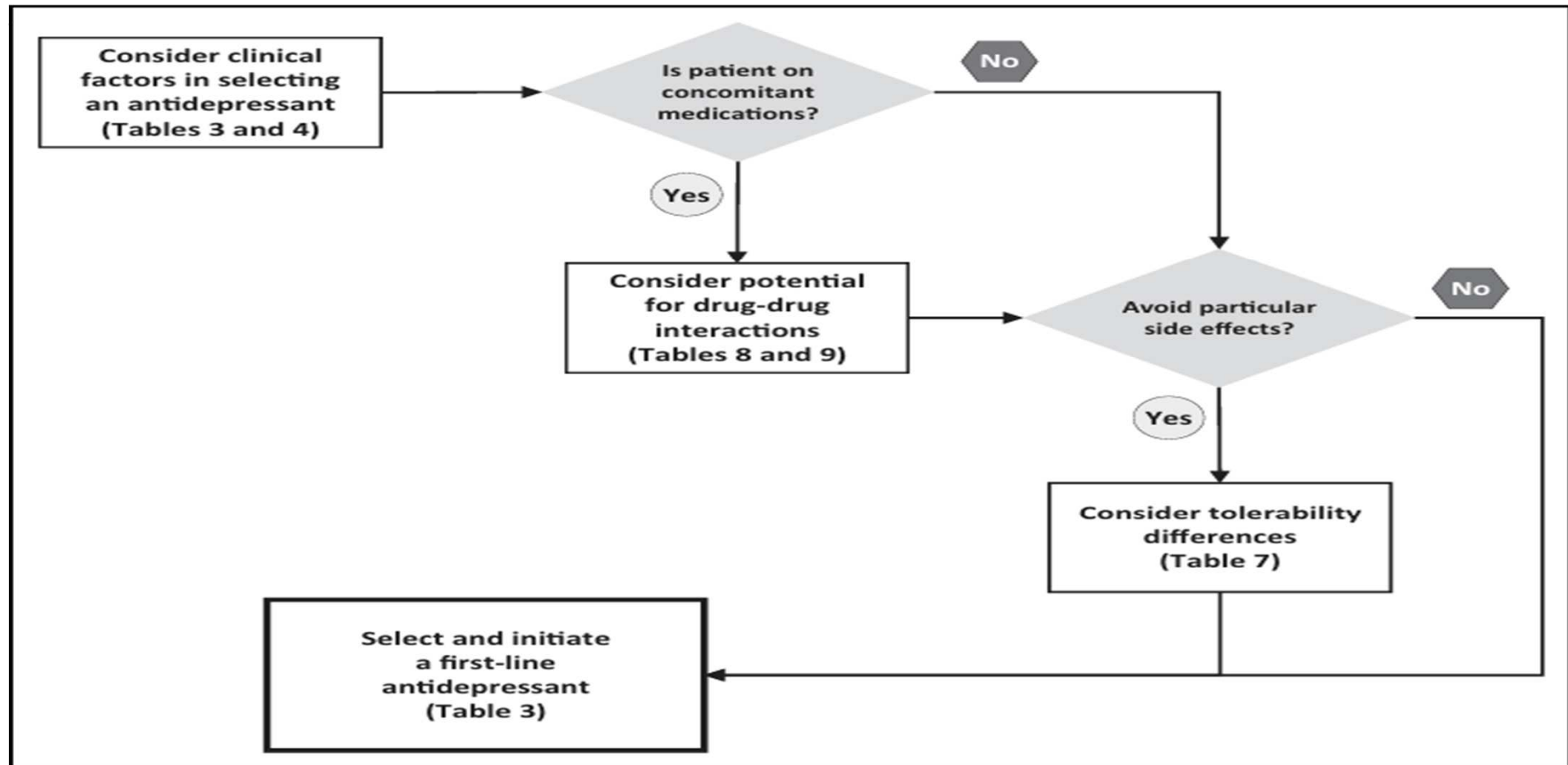
- Conduct a detailed clinical assessment, including evaluation of suicidality, bipolarity, comorbidity, concomitant medications, and symptom specifiers/dimensions.
- Discuss evidence-based pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic treatment options.
- Elicit patient preference in the decision to use pharmacological treatment.
- Evaluate previous treatments, including dose, duration, response, and side effects of antidepressant and related medications.

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- Where clinically indicated, refer for laboratory testing, including lipids, liver function tests, and electrocardiograms.
- Reassess patients for tolerability, safety, and early improvement no more than 2 weeks after starting a medication. Further follow-up may be every 2 to 4 weeks.
- Follow measurement-based care by using validated rating scales to monitor outcomes and guide clinical decisions.

# Summary algorithm for selecting an antidepressant



# How do you select an antidepressant?

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- First-line recommendations for pharmacotherapy for MDD: SSRIs, SNRIs, agomelatine, bupropion, mirtazapine, and vortioxetine
- Second-line agents: TCAs, quetiapine and trazodone, moclobemide and selegiline, levomilnacipran, and vilazodone
- Third-line recommendations: MAO inhibitors and reboxetine

## 우리나라 1차 치료 항우울제

권고 내용	권고등급	근거수준	권고도출 자료원
• 주요우울삽화를 갖는 환자에게 약물치료를 권고한다. <sup>a)</sup>	I	A	1, 3, 73-83
• 약물치료 뿐만 아니라 정신사회적 중재법(정신치료, 인지행동치료, 대인관계치료, 운동 등)과 병합하여 포괄적인 치료계획을 세울 것을 권고한다. <sup>b)</sup>	I	A	1, 3, 73-83
• 항우울제는 임상양상, 공존질환, 이전의 약물치료 병력, 부작용, 약물 상호작용, 환자의 기호 등을 종합하여 선택할 것을 권고한다. <sup>c)</sup>	I	A	1, 84-86
• 1차 치료 항우울제는 SSRI (escitalopram, sertraline, fluoxetine, paroxetine 등), SNRI (duloxetine, milnacipran, venlafaxine, desvenlafaxine 등), mirtazapine, agomelatine, bupropion, vortioxetine에서 선택할 것을 권고한다.	I	A	1, 19, 87-99
• 급성기 치료에서 관해에 이르면 재발방지를 위해 유지치료 시행을 고려할 수 있다.	IIb	B	1, 134-138



# How do you select an antidepressant?

Antidepressant (Brand Name(s))	Mechanism	Dose Range
<b>First line (Level I Evidence)</b>		
Agomelatine <sup>a</sup> (Valdoxan)	MT <sub>1</sub> and MT <sub>2</sub> agonist; 5-HT <sub>2</sub> antagonist	25-50 mg
Bupropion (Wellbutrin) <sup>b</sup>	NDRI	150-300 mg
Citalopram (Celexa, Cipramil)	SSRI	20-40 mg
Desvenlafaxine (Pristiq)	SNRI	50-100 mg
Duloxetine (Cymbalta)	SNRI	60 mg
Escitalopram (Cipralex, Lexapro)	SSRI	10-20 mg
Fluoxetine (Prozac)	SSRI	20-60 mg
Fluvoxamine (Luvox)	SSRI	100-300 mg
Mianserin <sup>a</sup> (Tolvon)	$\alpha_2$ -Adrenergic agonist; 5-HT <sub>2</sub> antagonist	60-120 mg
Milnacipran <sup>a</sup> (Ixel)	SNRI	100 mg
Mirtazapine (Remeron) <sup>c</sup>	$\alpha_2$ -Adrenergic agonist; 5-HT <sub>2</sub> antagonist	15-45 mg
Paroxetine (Paxil) <sup>d</sup>	SSRI	20-50 mg 25-62.5 mg for CR version
Sertraline (Zoloft)	SSRI	50-200 mg
Venlafaxine (Effexor) <sup>e</sup>	SNRI	75-225 mg
Vortioxetine (Brintellix, Trintellix) <sup>f</sup>	Serotonin reuptake inhibitor; 5-HT <sub>1A</sub> agonist; 5-HT <sub>1B</sub> partial agonist; 5-HT <sub>1D</sub> , 5-HT <sub>3A</sub> , and 5-HT <sub>7</sub> antagonist	10-20 mg
<b>Second line (Level I Evidence)</b>		
Amitriptyline, clomipramine, and others	TCA	Various
Levomilnacipran (Fetzima) <sup>f</sup>	SNRI	40-120 mg
Moclobemide (Manerix)	Reversible inhibitor of MAO-A	300-600 mg
Quetiapine (Seroquel) <sup>e</sup>	Atypical antipsychotic	150-300 mg
Selegiline transdermal <sup>a</sup> (Emsam)	Irreversible MAO-B inhibitor	6-12 mg daily transdermal
Trazodone (Desyrel)	Serotonin reuptake inhibitor; 5-HT <sub>2</sub> antagonist	150-300 mg
Vilazodone (Viibryd) <sup>f</sup>	Serotonin reuptake inhibitor; 5-HT <sub>1A</sub> partial agonist	20-40 mg (titrate from 10 mg)
<b>Third line (Level I Evidence)</b>		
Phenelzine (Nardil)	Irreversible MAO inhibitor	45-90 mg
Tranylcypromine (Parnate)		20-60 mg
Reboxetine <sup>a</sup> (Edronax)	Noradrenaline reuptake inhibitor	8-10 mg

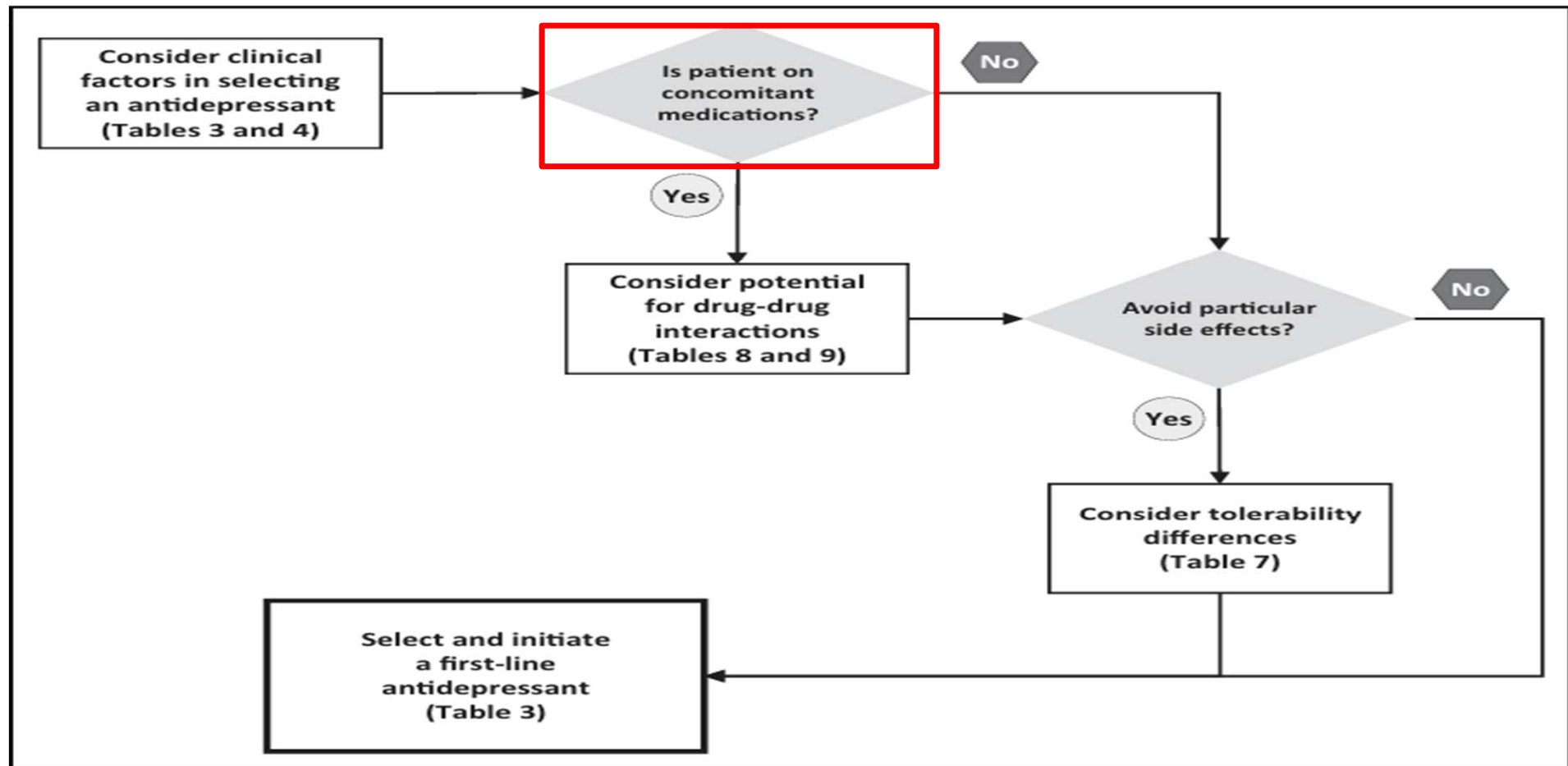


# Factors to consider in selecting an antidepressant

Patient Factors	Medication Factors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clinical features and dimensions</li><li>• Comorbid conditions</li><li>• Response and side effects during previous use of antidepressants</li><li>• Patient preference</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comparative efficacy</li><li>• Comparative tolerability (potential side effects)</li><li>• Potential interactions with other medications</li><li>• Simplicity of use</li><li>• Cost and availability</li></ul>

- Selecting an antidepressant involves an individualized needs assessment for each patient.

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# Drug Interactions

## Cytochrome P450

Inhibition of

Increases Serum Levels of These CYP Substrates

CYP1A2

- **Agomelatine**
- Caffeine
- **Clozapine**
- **Duloxetine**
- Mexiletine
- Naproxen
- **Olanzapine**
- **Risperidone**
- Tacrine
- Theophylline
- Warfarin

CYP2C19

- Antiarrhythmics
- Antiepileptics (diazepam, phenytoin, phenobarbital)
- Indomethacin
- Omeprazole
- Primidone
- Propranolol
- Warfarin

CYP2D6

- Tricyclic antidepressants
- Beta-blockers (metoprolol, propranolol)
- Codeine and other opioids (reduces effect)
- **Olanzapine**
- **Risperidone**
- **Vortioxetine**
- Tamoxifen (reduces effect)
- Tramadol

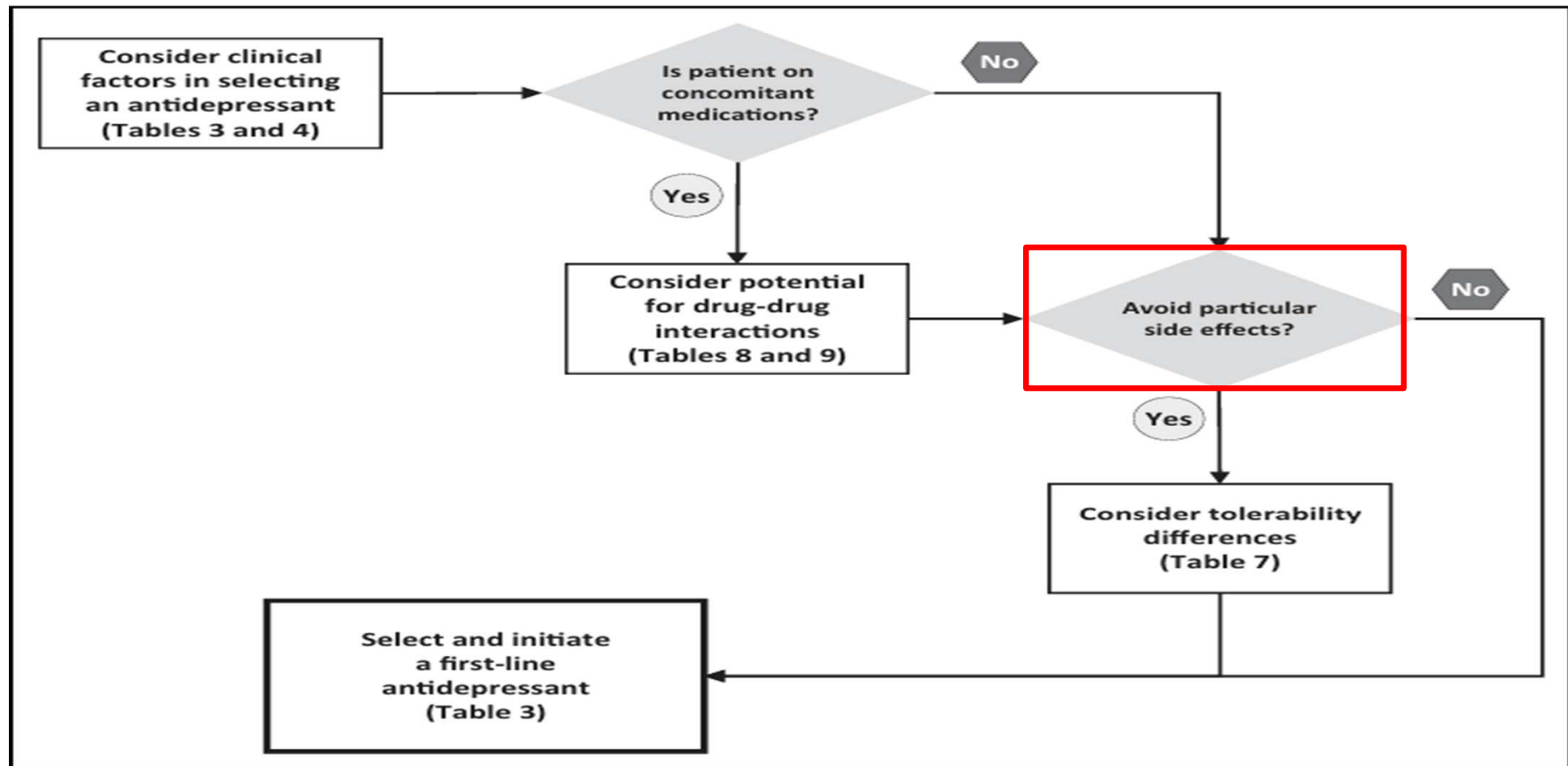
CYP3A4

- Amiodarone
- Antiarrhythmics (quinidine)
- Antihistamines (astemizole, chlorpheniramine)
- Calcium channel antagonists (e.g., diltiazem, verapamil)
- **Haloperidol**
- HIV protease inhibitors
- Statins
- Immune modulators (cyclosporine, tacrolimus)
- **Levomilnacipran**
- Macrolide antibiotics (clarithromycin, erythromycin)
- **Methadone**
- **Phenothiazines**
- **Quetiapine**
- Sildenafil
- Tamoxifen
- **Vilazodone**

# Newer Antidepressants and Atypical Antipsychotics

Potential for Drug-Drug Interaction	Antidepressants	Atypical Antipsychotics
Minimal or low potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citalopram</li> <li>• Desvenlafaxine</li> <li>• Escitalopram</li> <li>• Mirtazapine</li> <li>• Venlafaxine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paliperidone</li> </ul>
Moderate potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agomelatine (1A2 substrate<sup>a</sup>)</li> <li>• Bupropion (2D6 inhibitor)</li> <li>• Duloxetine (2D6 inhibitor; 1A2 substrate<sup>a</sup>)</li> <li>• Levomilnacipran (3A4 substrate)</li> <li>• Sertraline (2D6 inhibitor)</li> <li>• Vilazodone (3A4 substrate)</li> <li>• Vortioxetine (2D6 substrate)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aripiprazole (2D6, 3A4 substrate)</li> <li>• Olanzapine (1A2 substrate<sup>b</sup>)</li> <li>• Risperidone (2D6, 3A4 substrate)</li> </ul>
Higher potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fluoxetine (2D6, 2C19 inhibitor)</li> <li>• Fluvoxamine (1A2, 2C19, 3A4 inhibitor)</li> <li>• Moclobemide (MAO inhibitor precautions<sup>c</sup>)</li> <li>• Paroxetine (2D6 inhibitor)</li> <li>• Selegiline (MAO inhibitor precautions<sup>c</sup>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clozapine (3A4, 1A2 substrate)</li> <li>• Lurasidone (3A4 substrate)</li> <li>• Quetiapine (3A4 substrate)</li> </ul>

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# Prevalence of Adverse Events

	Nausea	Constipation	Diarrhea	Dry Mouth	Headaches	Dizziness	Somnolence	Nervousness	Anxiety	Agitation	Insomnia	Fatigue	Sweating	Asthenia	Tremor	Anorexia	Increased Appetite	Weight Gain	Male Sexual Dysfunction
Citalopram	21		8	19				3	3	2		5	11		8	4			9
Escitalopram	15	4	8	7	3	6	4	2	2		8	5	3		2		2	2	10
Fluoxetine	21			10			13	14	12		16		8	9	10	11			2
Fluvoxamine	37	18	6	26	22	15	26	2	2	16	14		11	5	11	15			1
Paroxetine	26	14	11	18	18	13	23	5	5	2	13		11	15	8		1		16
Sertraline <sup>a</sup>	26	8	18	16	20	12	13	3	3	6	16	11	8		11	3	1		16
Desvenlafaxine <sup>b</sup>	22	9		11		13	4	<1	3		9	7	10		2				6
Duloxetine	20	11	8	15		8	7		3		11	8	6		3				10
Levomilnacipran	17	9		10	17	8			2		6		9						11
Milnacipran	12	7		9	10				4		7	3	4		3				
Venlafaxine IR	37	15	8	22	25	19	23	13	6	2	18		12	12	5	11			18
Venlafaxine XR	31	8	8	12	26	20	17	10	2	3	17		14	8	5	8			16
Agomelatine <sup>c</sup>	C	C	C		C	C	C		C		C	C	C						
Bupropion SR <sup>d</sup>	11	7	4	13	28	7	3	5	5	2	8		2	2	3				
Bupropion XL	13	9		26	34	6			5	2	16				3				
Mirtazapine		13		25		7	54							8	7		17	12	
Moclobemide	5	4	2	9	8	5	4	4	3	5	7	3	2	1	5				
Vilazodone <sup>e</sup>	24		29	7	14	8	5				6	3					3	2	5
Vortioxetine <sup>f</sup>	23	4	5	6		5	3				3	3	2						<1

# How long do you wait for a response?

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- Early improvement is correlated with response and remission at 6 to 12 weeks.
- Increasing the antidepressant dose for nonimprovers at 2 to 4 weeks if the medication is tolerated and switching to another antidepressant if tolerability is a problem.

# How Long Do You Continue an Antidepressant?

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- Patients maintain treatment with antidepressants for 6 to 9 months after achieving symptomatic remission, while those with risk factors for recurrence extend antidepressant treatment to 2 years or more.

- Risk Factors** to Consider Longer Term Maintenance Treatment with Antidepressants

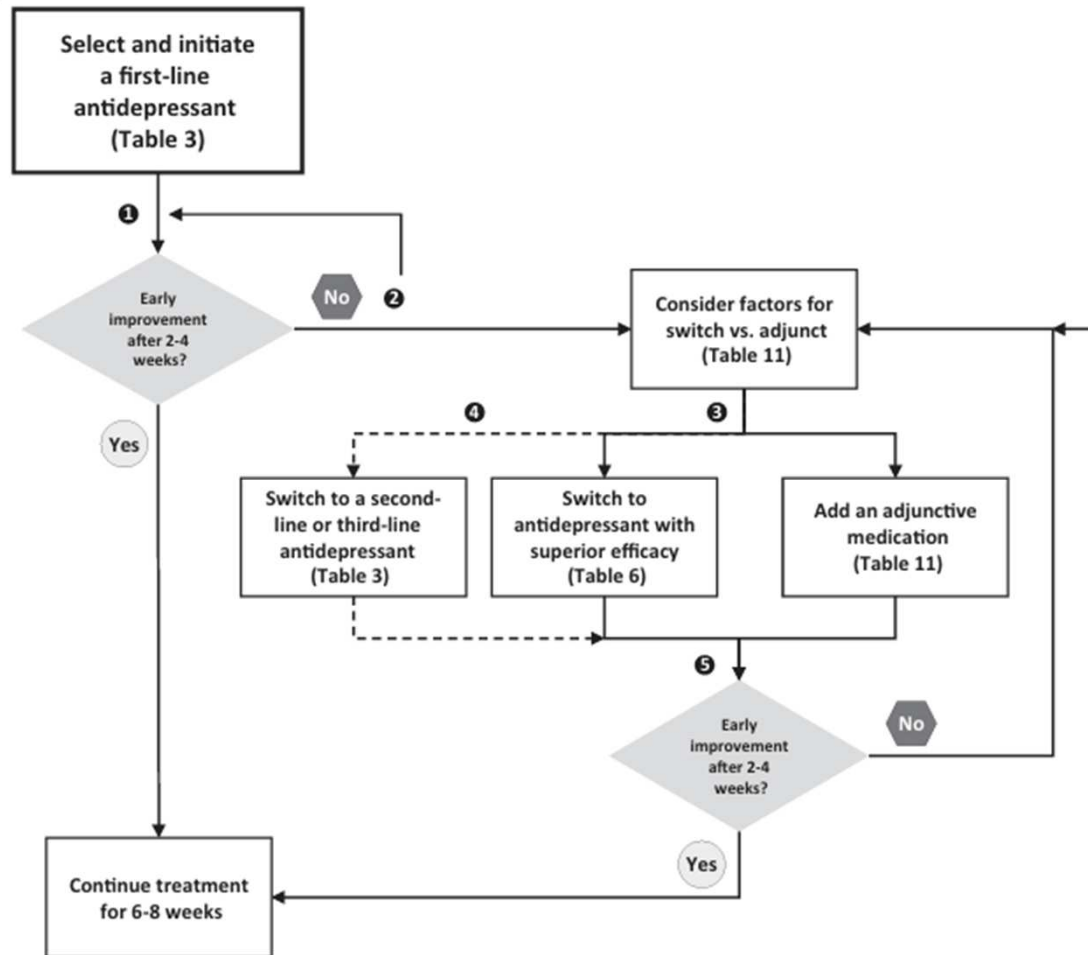
- Frequent, recurrent episodes
- Severe episodes (psychosis, severe impairment, suicidality)
- Chronic episodes Presence of comorbid psychiatric or other medical conditions
- Presence of residual symptoms
- Difficult-to-treat episodes

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- **Discontinuation symptoms**, described by the FINISH mnemonic (flu-like symptoms, insomnia, nausea, imbalance, sensory disturbances, hyperarousal), may be experienced by up to 40% of patients when antidepressants are stopped abruptly.
- Slowly tapering the dose over several weeks when discontinuing antidepressants.

# Managing inadequate response



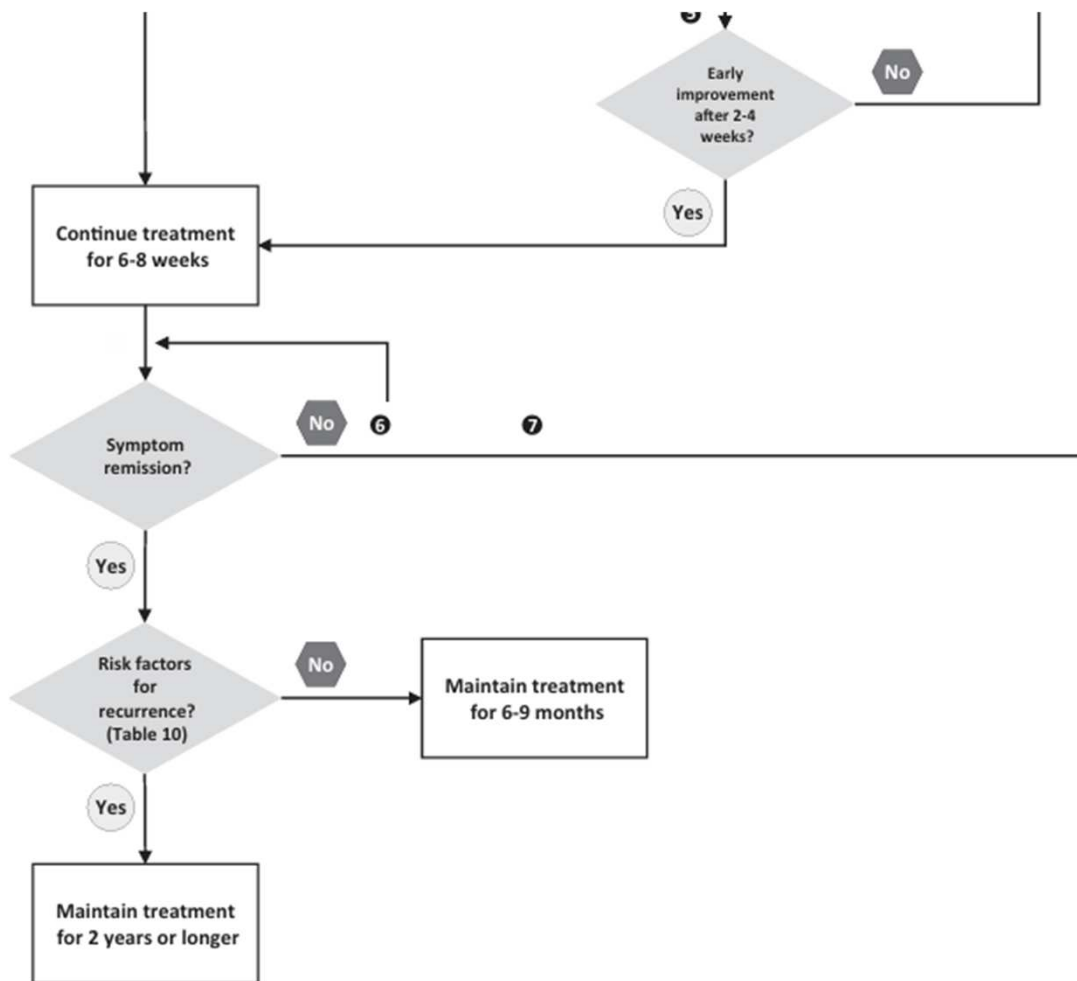
- (1) Monitor outcomes using measurement-based care.
- (2) Depending on tolerability, first optimize antidepressant by increasing dose.
- (3) For early treatment resistance, consider adjunctive use of psychological and neurostimulation treatments.
- (4) After failure of 1 or more antidepressants, consider switch to a second-line or third-line antidepressant.
- (5) For more resistant depressions, consider longer evaluation periods for improvement.



## Antidepressants for superior efficacy

Antidepressant	Comparator medications
<b>Escitalopram</b>	Citalopram, duloxetine, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine
<b>Mirtazapine</b>	Duloxetine, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, venlafaxine
<b>Sertraline</b>	Duloxetine, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine
<b>Venlafaxine</b>	Duloxetine, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine
<b>Agomelatine</b>	Fluoxetine, sertraline
<b>Citalopram</b>	Paroxetine

# Managing inadequate response



(6) Depending on tolerability, increase dose if not at maximal doses.

(7) For more chronic and resistant depressions, consider a chronic disease management approach, with less emphasis on symptom remission and more emphasis on improvement in functioning and quality of life.

# Adjunctive medications

Recommendation	Adjunctive Agent	Level of Evidence	Dosing
First line	Aripiprazole	Level 1	2-15 mg
	Quetiapine	Level 1	150-300 mg
	Risperidone	Level 1	1-3 mg
Second line	Brexpiprazole <sup>a</sup>	Level 1	1-3 mg
	Bupropion	Level 2	150-300 mg
	Lithium	Level 2	600-1200 mg (therapeutic serum levels)
	Mirtazapine/mianserin	Level 2	30-60 mg
	Modafinil	Level 2	100-400 mg
	Olanzapine	Level 1	2.5-10 mg
	Triiodothyronine	Level 2	25-50 mcg
Third line	Other antidepressants	Level 3	Various
	Other stimulants (methylphenidate, lisdexamfetamine, etc.)	Level 3	Various
	TCAs (e.g., desipramine)	Level 2	Various
	Ziprasidone	Level 3	20-80 mg bid
Experimental	Ketamine	Level 1	0.5 mg/kg, single intravenous dose <sup>b</sup>
Not recommended	Pindolol	Level 1 (lack of efficacy)	Not applicable

TCA, tricyclic antidepressant.

<sup>a</sup>Newly approved since the 2009 Canadian Network for Mood and Anxiety Treatments (CANMAT) guidelines.

<sup>b</sup>For acute treatment.

# Factors to Consider in Choosing between Switching or Adding an Adjunctive Medication

**Consider switching to another antidepressant when:**

**It is the first antidepressant trial.**

**There are poorly tolerated side effects to the initial antidepressant.**

**There is no response (<25% improvement) to the initial antidepressant.**

**There is more time to wait for a response (less severe, less functional impairment).**

**Patient prefers to switch to another antidepressant.**

**Consider an adjunctive medication when:**

There have been 2 or more antidepressant trials.

The initial antidepressant is well tolerated.

There is partial response (>25% improvement) to the initial antidepressant.

There are specific residual symptoms or side effects to the initial antidepressant that can be targeted.

There is less time to wait for a response (more severe, more functional impairment).

Patient prefers to add on another medication.