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Spectrum of Drug-Induced Movement Disorders

- Parkinsonism
- Levodopa induced dyskinesias
- Tremor (parkinsonian; enhanced physiologic; cerebellar)
- Chorea
- Myoclonus
- Tics
- Tardive syndromes
 - Tardive dyskinesia
 - Tardive dystonia
 - Tardive stereotypies
 - Tardive Tourettism
 - Tardive akathisia
 - Tardive respiratory dyskinesias
 - Tardive pain syndrome (usually admixed with tardive dyskinesia)
 - Tardive oculogyric crises

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1. Overview/Background
2. Tardive Syndromes
3. Drug Induced Parkinsonism
4. Akathisia
5. Drug induced Tremor

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[Therapeutic use in psychiatry of phenothiazine of central elective action (4560 RP)].
[Article in Undetermined Language]
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Chlorpromazine, synthesised in December 1951
 First tried clinically a few months later
Jean Delay & Pierre Deniker

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1. Overview

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First report of irreversible orofacial stereotypic involuntary movements:
'paroxysmal dyskinesia'

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REVIEW ARTICLE

International Journal of
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Comparing the risk of tardive dyskinesia in older adults with first-generation and second-generation antipsychotics: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Conclusions: The risk of probable TD is more than three times lower in older adults receiving SGAs in comparison with FGAs after 1 year of treatment (23% vs 7%). The risk of persistent TD at 1 year with SGAs is particularly low. Evidence is lacking in regard to the longer-term risk of TD with SGAs, although the rates associated with the prolonged use of FGAs are high. Caution is therefore still required, particularly with the protracted use of both FGAs and SGAs.

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Tardive syndromes and antipsychotics

Tardive: from French, Tardif, meaning late.

Complex Problem:

Months OR years of treatment with antipsychotics.

Condition is caused by antipsychotics,

BUT can also be suppressed by antipsychotics.

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Approach to drug induced abnormal movements

Time Course: Acute/Subacute/Chronic

Each has different presentations

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*It is not only dopamine blockers..

Lithium
Antidepressants
Anticholinergics
Anticonvulsants
Amiodarone
Contraceptives
Anabolic steroids

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ACUTE



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Acute Drug Induced Dystonia

Affects virtually any part of the body, though the cranial and neck regions are most commonly involved



Torticollis
Retrocollis
Jaw
Swollen Tongue Difficulty swallowing → laryngospasm
Occasionally Pisa syndrome

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Fortnightly review
Acute dystonia induced by drug treatment
Peter N van Harten, Hans W Hoek, Rene S Kuhn
BMJ 1999;319:623-6

Drug induced dystonia can be prevented either by adding, during the first four to seven days of treatment, anticholinergic drugs to treatment with antipsychotic drugs or by starting treatment with atypical antipsychotics

Antipsychotics	Antidepressants	Medicines for urinary incontinence	Antihistamines	
Strong anticholinergic effects - avoid using in people with dementia	Chlorpromazine Diazepam Phenytoine	Tricyclic antidepressants (eg amitriptyline, doxepin, imipramine)	Darifenacin** Oxybutynin Propranolol Solifenacin** Tolterodine**	Brompheniramine*** Chlorpheniramine*** Cetirizine Diphenhydramine*** Promethazine***
Moderate anticholinergic effects - use with caution in people with dementia	Haloperidol Pimozide Quetiapine Risperidone Ziprasidone	Desvenlafaxine Fluoxetine Milnacipran Paroxetine Risperidone Venlafaxine		

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Acute Dystonic Reaction: oculogyric crisis



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- DIMDs are neurobiologically and clinically distinct, with different treatment paradigms and varying levels of evidence for anticholinergic use.
- Anticholinergic use **not** supported for preventing DIMDs except in individuals at high risk for acute dystonia.

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These are severe (potentially life threatening) problems, and urgent treatment is required.

Typically, an indication for intravenous anticholinergic agent.

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SUBACUTE



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Parkinsonism due to dopamine blockade
 Parkinsonism tends to have an insidious onset and often starts after several weeks of antipsychotic treatment



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Parkinsonism due to dopamine blockade

Although anticholinergics are very effective for the treatment of acute dystonic reactions in patients treated with neuroleptics, there is neither evidence nor rational support for the idea that these compounds could alleviate DIP [124].

Review

EXPERT OPINION Drug-induced parkinsonism

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Parkinsonism due to dopamine blockade

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2. Tardive Syndromes

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- Anticholinergics can be effective for DIP and dystonia

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CHRONIC..”TARDIVE DYSKINESIA”



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Tardive dyskinesia

- Stereotyped choreoathetoid movements predominantly involving the lips, tongue and perioral region
- Movements predominate in the lower face
- Movements of the tongue in a writhing motion inside the mouth
- Rapid tongue protrusion and pushing the tongue against the inside of the cheek
- Chewing, grimacing, lip smacking and puckering
- May be accompanied by low amplitude choreiform movements of the distal extremities – fingers and toes

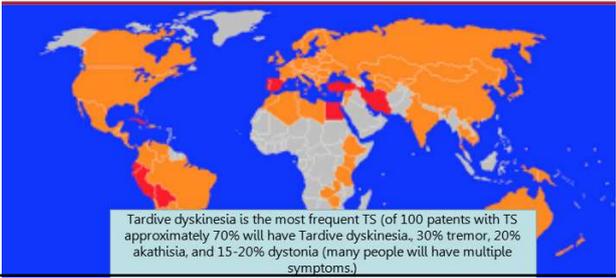
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Tardive Syndrome: wide range of phenomena

- Dyskinesia
- Dystonia
- Akathisia
- Myoclonus
- Tics/Tourettism
- Stereotypies
- Tremor
- Chorea
- Tremor
- Pain
- Respiratory dyskinesias

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Epidemiology

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Tardive dyskinesia is the most frequent TS (of 100 patents with TS approximately 70% will have Tardive dyskinesia, 30% tremor, 20% akathisia, and 15-20% dystonia (many people will have multiple symptoms).)

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Classic Tardive Dyskinesia

- Mostly choreiform
- OBL
- Worsened by AntiCholinergics

These 2 conditions are not mutually exclusive

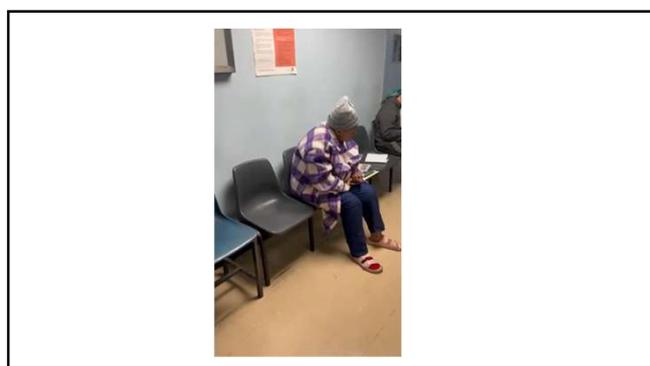
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Although the tardive disorders are traditionally considered to arise late in the course of treatment

Shown for both OBLD and tardive dystonia that persistent cases may arise after **short** periods of exposure.

- **No minimum period of exposure that can be considered as entirely safe.**
- Can occur **years** after treatment started

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Tardive dystonia

- 16F on risperidone for OCD and psychosis NOS
- Gradual onset involuntary movements affecting mainly the lower face, neck, trunk and upper limbs
- Retrocollis, truncal extension, hyperpronation of the arms
- Sensory tricks
 - Holding right side of neck
 - Curling onto right side
 - Crossing arms over chest or forehead

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University of Calgary (MDS Congress, Philadelphia, 2024)

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Who gets Tardive dystonia?

> 60% among those younger than 20 years
Almost zero after the age of 40 years.

Tardive dystonia can develop at any time between 4 days and 23 years after exposure to dopamine receptor blockers, and there is no safe period.

May spread and result in focal or generalized dystonia

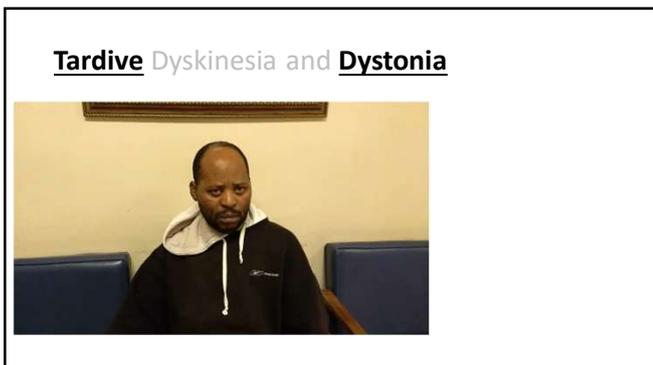
The natural history of tardive dystonia
Brain (1998), 121, 2053-2066

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Tardive dystonia, treated

- Treated with withdrawal of risperidone and started on anticholinergic (trihexyphenidyl)
- Maintained on trihexyphenidyl for two years, then gradually tapered off over one year

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However, jaw dystonia is a chronic issue in patients of any age, and tracks OBLD (makes some sense).

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Tardive Oromandibular (jaw closing) dystonia



Stephen Reich

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Withdrawal emergent dyskinesia

- Develops after either abruptly stopping or significantly reducing the dose of neuroleptic medications
- Predominantly affects children
- Usually manifests as generalized chorea
- Usually self limiting and resolves over weeks
- Re-start medication at lower dose and perform slower taper

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Tardive oromandibular (jaw opening) dystonia



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Withdrawal emergent dyskinesia

- JM treated with risperidone 3 mg for irritability related to autism since age 3 (6 years)
- Community pediatrician decided to taper and discontinue medication over a period of 3 weeks (1 mg per week)
- Whole body involuntary and continuous movements emerged during the final days of the tapering process



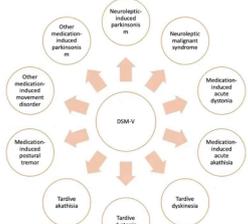
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Some additional entities

Withdrawal dyskinesias

Stereotypies



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Withdrawal emergent dyskinesia

- Restarted risperidone at 2.5 mg
- Tapered risperidone by 0.5 mg every three months
- Dyskinesia stopped immediately on resuming medication
- Did not re-emerge over course of tapering medication



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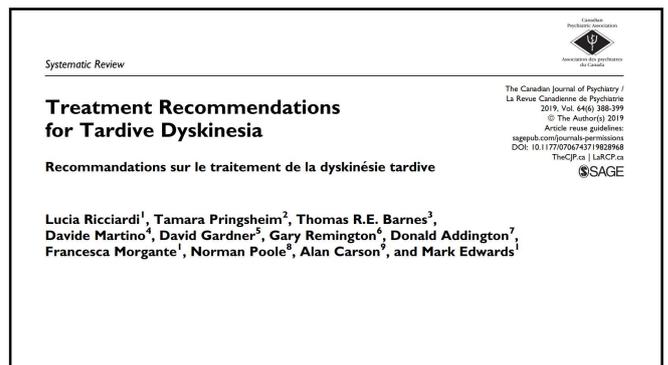
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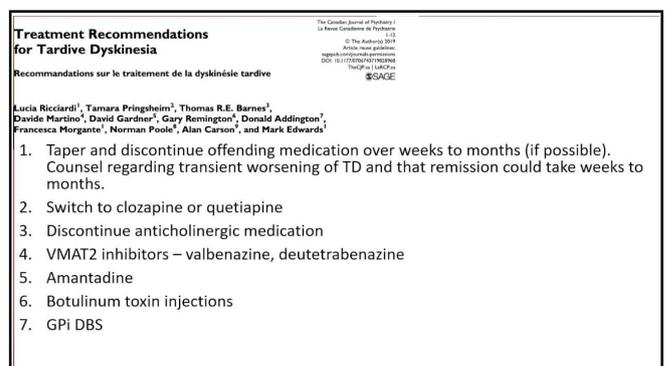
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The natural history of tardive dystonia A long-term follow-up study of 107 cases

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Remission: only 14% (follow up of 8 ½ years)
Discontinuation of neuroleptics ↑ chance of remission four times
Likely irreversible in many

Study	Patients (n)	Follow-up from onset (years) ^a	Follow-up from DBA withdrawal (years) ^b	Remitting patients (n)
Berkley et al. (1982)	47 (9) ^c	3.1	1.8	5 (11%)
Ginsberg-Bokdey et al. (1985)	9	4.7	0.5	0
Kang et al. (1986)	67	4.8	2.8	5
Carlsen et al. (1987a)	10	2.2	0.5	0
Winkler et al. (1991)	29	2.3	0.5	0
Kiriakakis et al. (1997)	107	3.8	0.9	0

^aMean. ^bIncluding 16 and 17 patients followed up later by Kang et al. (1986) and Kiriakakis et al. (1997), respectively. ^cExcluding one and three patients followed up later by Kang et al. (1986) and Kiriakakis et al. (1997), respectively. Approximation () = not stated explicitly, but calculated by us. n.s. = not stated in abstract.

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3. Drug Induced Parkinsonism

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Treatment: Drug withdrawal

- Younger patients are more likely to improve
- It may take up to five years for complete remission to occur
- TS may be permanent in around 87% of cases

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Drug-induced parkinsonism

- 75M with Tourette syndrome and treatment resistant depression
- On risperidone 2 mg BID for decades
- Aripiprazole 20 mg added for treatment resistant depression



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Bilateral Deep Brain Stimulation of the Globus Pallidus Internus in Tardive Dystonia

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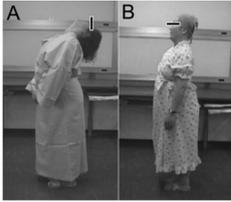


FIG. 1. Surgical result in a patient with tardive dystonia who underwent bilateral pallidum stimulation. Prospectively (A) she manifested severe posterior trunk bending and retrocollis. At 21 days after electrode implantation with continuous pallidum stimulation (B), the dystonic symptoms were markedly alleviated.

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Potential offending drugs causing parkinsonism

- DRBDs
- Dopamine synthesis blockers (Methyldopa)
- Calcium channel antagonists
- Dopamine storage and transport inhibitors
- Antiepileptics (valproate)
- Lithium
- Chemotherapeutics (cytosine arabinoside, cyclophosphamide, vincristine, Adriamycin, doxorubicin, paclitaxel, etoposide)

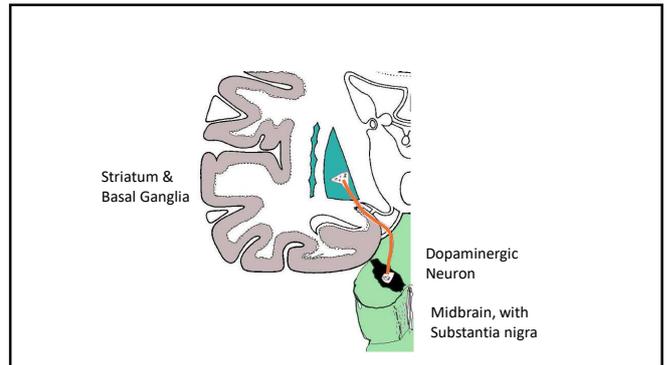
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Which of the following is considered the best treatment for patients with drug-induced parkinsonism?

Select the correct option, and then click **SUBMIT**.

- Amantadine
- Avoidance of agents known to cause drug-induced parkinsonism
- Levodopa
- Anticholinergics

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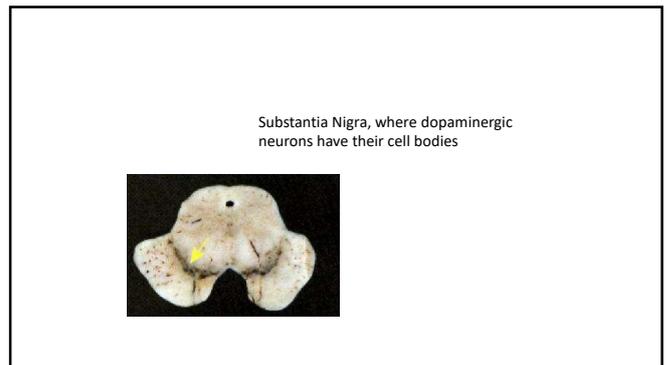
Select the correct option, and then click **SUBMIT**.

- Amantadine
- Avoidance of agents known to cause drug-induced parkinsonism
- Levodopa
- Anticholinergics

Correct

This is correct! The best treatment is prevention. It is most advisable to avoid the use of medications known to cause drug-induced parkinsonism, especially in risk populations.

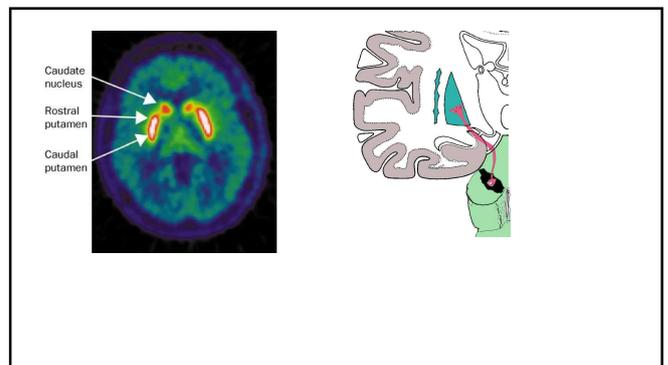
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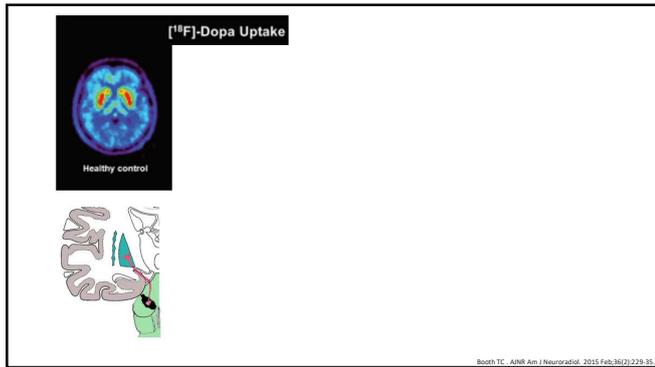
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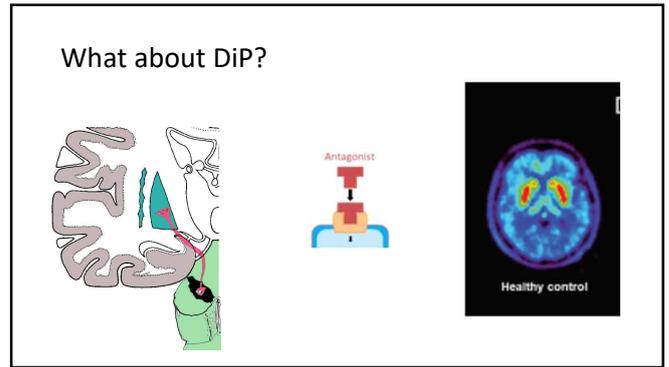
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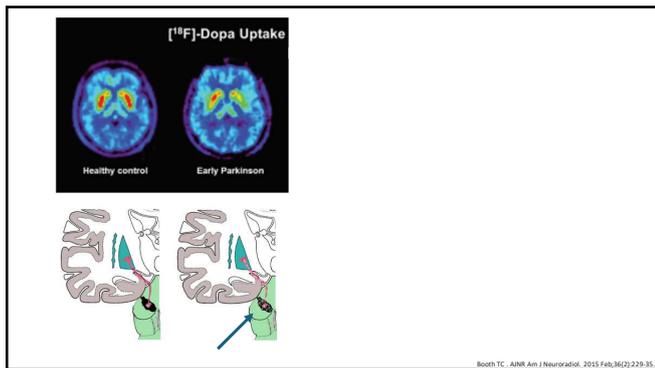
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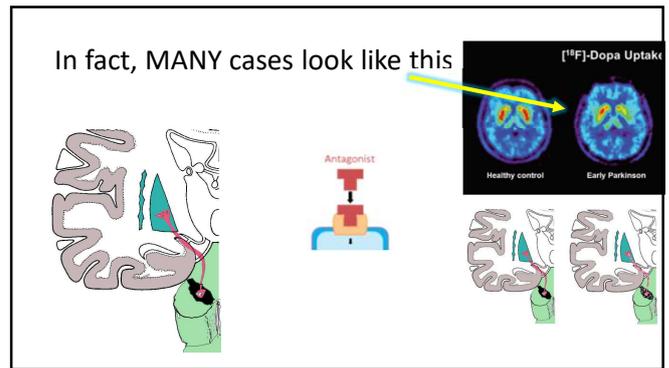
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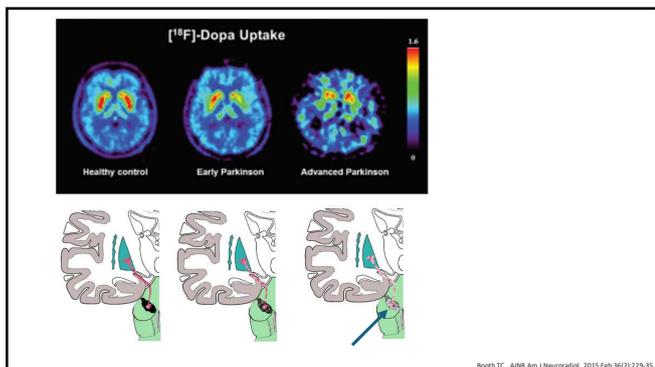
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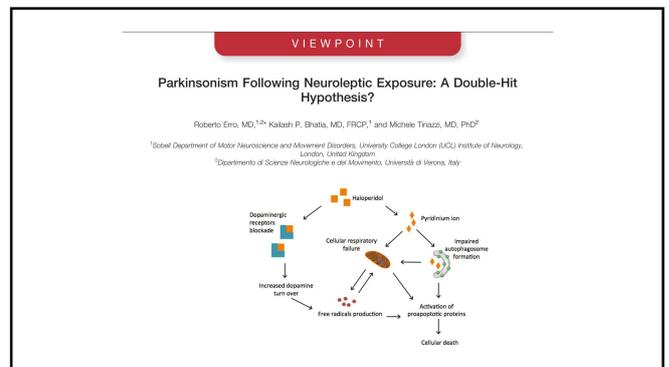
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4. Akathisia

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Akathisia: commonest movement disorder due to DRB

Objectively : global restlessness and increased, semi-purposeful motor activity, including the incapacity to stay still:

Observe repetitive movements of the legs and feet, often manifest as
 Pacing
 Marching in place
 Rocking from foot to foot
 If the patient is sitting they may stand and sit repeatedly or frequently shift their body position in the chair.
 Moaning to relieve discomfort

Burkhard P
 Acute and subacute drug-induced movement disorders

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4. Akathisia

Acute Akathisia

- Akathisia= state of excessive restlessness with a need to move

- Untreated, can progress to chronic akathisia

Tardive Akathisia

- Inconsistently used term
- Delayed onset of akathisia after starting medication or increasing dose, typically after 3 months

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Akathisia

Dose dependent, and disappears if the dose is reduced or the drug is stopped. If treatment is continued it commonly subsides after two to three months. Subjective discomfort appears to decline with time. Can occur in psychiatrically normal individuals when treated with neuroleptic drugs.

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Akathisia: commonest movement disorder due to Dopamine Receptor Blockade

Akathisia has a subjective and objective element.

Subjectively patients complain of unease, distress, dysphoria and inner restlessness, anxiety, restlessness in the legs that precede and later accompany the compulsion to move about. Feelings of fear and rage may also be reported.

Hum. Psychopharmacol Clin Exp 2008; 23: 15–26.

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Ladislav Haškovec, Considered akathisia to be related to “hysteria” or “neurasthenia.”

Post encephalitic Parkinson’s

In 1947, the pharmaceutical company, Rhône-Poulenc, produced promethazine, a first generation antihistamine

...that year, drug-induced akathisia described in a patient with Parkinson’s, who developed restlessness

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Table 3. Medications associated with akathisia

Drug class	Examples
Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors	Fluoxetine, ²¹ paroxetine, ⁴¹ sertraline ¹⁰
First-generation (typical) antipsychotics	Haloperidol, ³ perphenazine ²⁸
Antiemetics	Metoclopramide, ¹ prochlorperazine ¹
Second-generation (atypical) antipsychotics	Risperidone ¹⁸
Tricyclic antidepressants	Clomipramine ⁷
Selective norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors	Venlafaxine ²²

Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor-induced akathisia
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Akathisia in idiopathic Parkinson's disease

(Lang and Johnson, Neurology 1987)

- 2/3 periodically experienced the need to move and inability to remain still
- 1/4 could not explain the inability to remain still: true akathisia
- Impossible to drive long distances, sit through a movie, attend social gatherings
- Some greatly improved with levodopa.

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- ### Potential offending drugs causing akathisia
- Dopaminergic receptor blocking drugs (DRBDs)
 - Dopamine storage and transport inhibitors
 - Dopaminergic drugs
 - Antidepressants
- From Pandey et al, 2023, Drug-induced movement disorders

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RLS...sensory discomfort

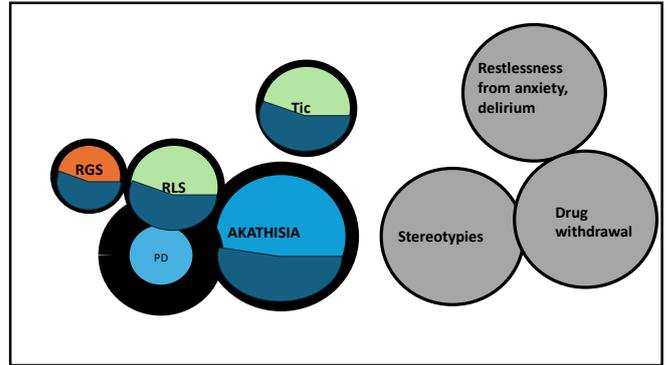
An urge to move the legs, usually accompanied or caused by uncomfortable sensations in the legs.

- > with rest or inactivity
- Relieved by movement
- > evening or at night

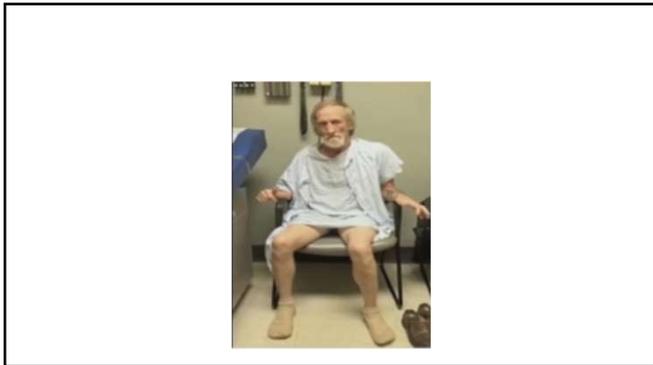
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Restless legs syndrome, neuroleptic-induced akathisia, and opioid-withdrawal restlessness: shared neuronal mechanisms?

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Opioid withdrawal

35- 50% reported transient symptoms of RLS during detoxification

Gupta R, Ali R, Ray R. Willis-Ekbom disease/restless legs syndrome in patients with opioid withdrawal. *Sleep Med.* 2018;45:39– 43. doi:10.1016/j.sleep.2017.09.028 16.
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Treatment: acute akathisia

Reduce/discontinue antipsychotic
 Lower potency agent
 Clozapine/Quetiapine

Symptomatic:
 Benzodiazepine
 Calcium channel blocker: gabapentin (1200-3600 mg/day); pregabalin (300-600 mg/day);
 Opioid

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The Assessment and Treatment of Antipsychotic-Induced Akathisia

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1. Prevention – avoid rapid escalation of antipsychotic dose
2. Avoid antipsychotic polypharmacy
3. Consider antipsychotic dose reduction
4. Switch to clozapine, olanzapine or quetiapine
5. Propranolol
6. Anticholinergic (if co-occurring drug-induced parkinsonism present)
7. Mirtazapine
8. Clonazepam
9. Clonidine

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5. Drug induced tremor

- Worth emphasizing that most tremor is postural/action.
- Rest tremor: virtually diagnostic of either PD, or DiP

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Treatment: ~~acute~~ chronic akathisia

Reduce/discontinue antipsychotic
Lower potency agent
Clozapine/Quetiapine

Symptomatic:

Benzodiazepine
Calcium channel blocker: gabapentin (1200-3600 mg/day); pregabalin (300-600 mg/day);
Opioid
Propranolol.....+ combinations/rotations

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Drug induced tremor= enhanced physiological tremor



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5. Drug induced tremor

Potential offending drugs causing tremor

- DRBDs (e.g., antipsychotics, metoclopramide)
- Antidepressants (e.g., SSRIs, TCA, mirtazapine)
- Lithium
- Anticonvulsant drugs (e.g., valproic acid)
- Beta-adrenergic agonists
- Theophylline
- Amphetamines
- Thyroxine
- Antihyperglycemic drugs
- Caffeine
- Corticosteroids
- Calcium antagonists (e.g., flunarizine, cinnarizine)
- Amiodarone
- Chemotherapeutics (e.g., cytarabine, thalidomide)
- Immunosuppressants (e.g., cyclosporine)

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Treatment

Beta-blocker
Acetazolamide

Tetrabenazine (for TD tremor)
DBS

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