

Comparative Overview of the Side Effect Profiles of Medications Used in the Treatment of Bipolar Disorder

ADVERSE EFFECTS	TIME COURSE	DOSE DEPENDENCY	SECOND-GENERATION ANTIPSYCHOTICS (SGA)										OTHER MEDICATIONS		
			Antiprazole	Clozapine	Olanzapine	Diazepam	Quetiapine	Paliperidone	Risperidone	Cabergoline	Lamotrigine	Lithium	Valproic Acid	Others	
Anticholinergic	Early/Titration	+++	0	0/+	+++	0	++	0	++	+	+	0	0	0	0/+
Akathisia	Early/Intermediate	+++	++	+/-++	+	+/-++	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0
Dyskinesia (Tardive)	Late	++	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0
Dyskinesia (Withdrawal)	Early Taper/Fast Switch	+++	++	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
↑Lipids	Early/Intermediate	0/+	+	+	+++	0/+	+++	+	+/++	+	+	+	+	+	+
Metabolic Risk ↓insulin sensitivity	Late	0/+	+	+++	0/+	+++	+	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	++
Neutropenia	First 6 months	0/+	+	+++	+	+	+	+	+	++	0	0	0	+	+
Orthostasis	Early/Titration	+++	+	0/+	+++	+	++	+	++	+	0	0	0	0	0
Parkinsonism	Early	+++	+	0	+	+	++	0	++	0	0	0	0	+	0
↑Prolactin	Early	+++	0	0/+	+++	0/+++	0	+++	0	+++	0	0	0	0	0
↑QTC Interval	Early/Titration	0/+	+	0/+	+	0/+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0
Sedation	Early/May improve	+++	+	+++	+++	++	++	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	++
Seizures	During Titration	+++	+	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0
Sialorrhea	Early/Titration	+++	+	0/+	+++	+	+	+	0/+	+	0	0	0	0	0
Steven Johnson Syndrome	High Start Dose/ Fast Titration	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Weight Gain	First 3-6 Months	0/+	+	0/+	+++	0/+	+++	++	++	++	+	+	+	++	++

Note: None or equivocal, 0/+: Rare/Limited data, +: Mild/Sometimes occurs, ++: Moderate/Occurs frequently, +++: Severe/Occurs often.

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