Which doses of atypical and typical antipsychotic drugs produce a near maximal response with minimal side effects in people with schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder?

CONCLUSIONS

The doses reported are approximate (see notes) and treating people with schizophrenia empirically by varying doses is still recommended. Clinicians tend to use higher doses of typical antipsychotics than are needed. High doses have a no better or worse response than medium doses.

NOTES

The range for individual patients may be wider than the estimated dose range for pharmacokinetic or pharmacodynamic reasons, or for patients in an acute exacerbated episode.

There is also little information on people who are too psychotic to give informed consent, and different doses may be required in these situations.

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