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# **Understanding Psychopharmacology Polypharmacy in Service Member and Veteran Populations**

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# Webinar Overview

## Understanding Psychopharmacology Polypharmacy in Service Member and Veteran Populations

Health care providers treating service member and veteran populations with posttraumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, face a number of challenges. PTSD, itself, can be difficult to treat even when prescribed medications conform to the VA/DoD clinical practice guidelines. Furthermore, people with PTSD usually have at least one co-occurring disorder or problem that requires treatment in its own right. Most commonly these include depression, substance use disorders, traumatic brain injury, insomnia, pain, aggressive behavior or medical/surgical problems.

As a result, providers frequently interact with patients who have complex drug regimens for both physical and psychological health disorders. Prescribers need to carefully consider the implications of adding a new medication to a treatment regimen that may already include several pharmacological agents. They also need to consider discontinuing ineffective treatments that may only complicate clinical management.

Although sometimes it is necessary to prescribe a number of medications for complex patients, combinations of medications increase the occurrence of adverse drug interactions, medication misuse and medication non-compliance/adherence. Additionally, combinations of medications have been identified as a contributing factor of suicides and unintentional deaths.

Non-prescribing health care providers treating service member and veteran populations are in a unique position to identify risk of drug-drug interactions, monitor patients for adverse drug reactions, educate patients about polypharmacy and refer patients for further assessment. This webinar will:

- Review the rates of polypharmacy in service member and veteran populations with a special emphasis on psychopharmacological medications
- Identify factors leading to polypharmacy situations and the safety risks
- Describe the role of clinicians in working with patients who have complex drug regimens



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# Required Disclosure

I have no relevant financial relationships, however, I do intend to discuss scientific evidence from clinical trials regarding the off-label use of medications not approved for the treatment of PTSD.

The following drug categories will be discussed today:

- Antidepressants
- Anti-adrenergic agents
- Anticonvulsants/Mood stabilizers
- Atypical antipsychotic agents
- Anxiolytics

# Pharmacotherapy for Refractory PTSD

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# Strength of Recommendation from VA/DoD 2010 Guideline

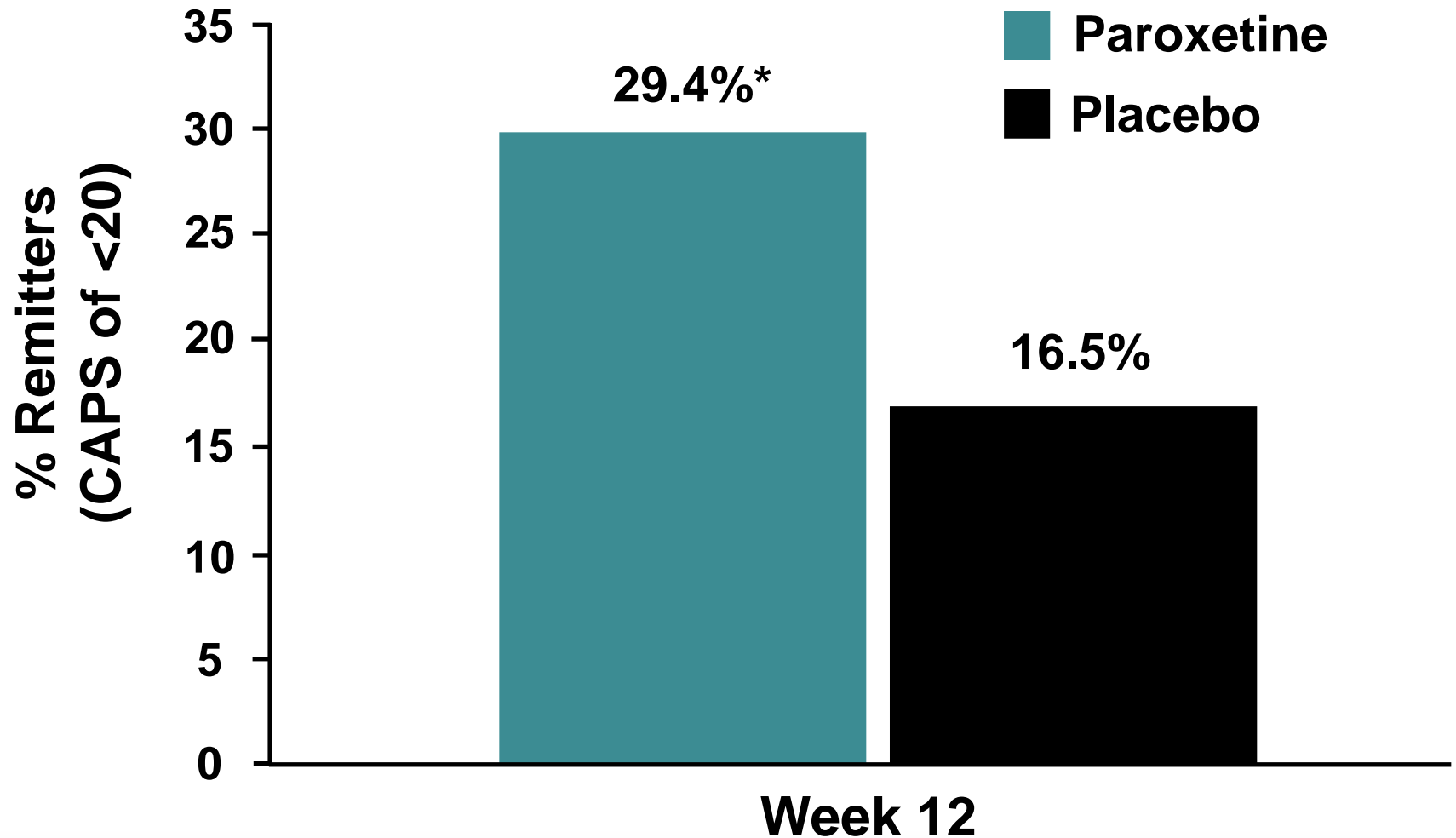
## Pharmacotherapy Interventions for Treatment of PTSD: Balance of Benefit and Harm

### Strength of Recommendation Rating or (SR Rating): A, B, C, D or I

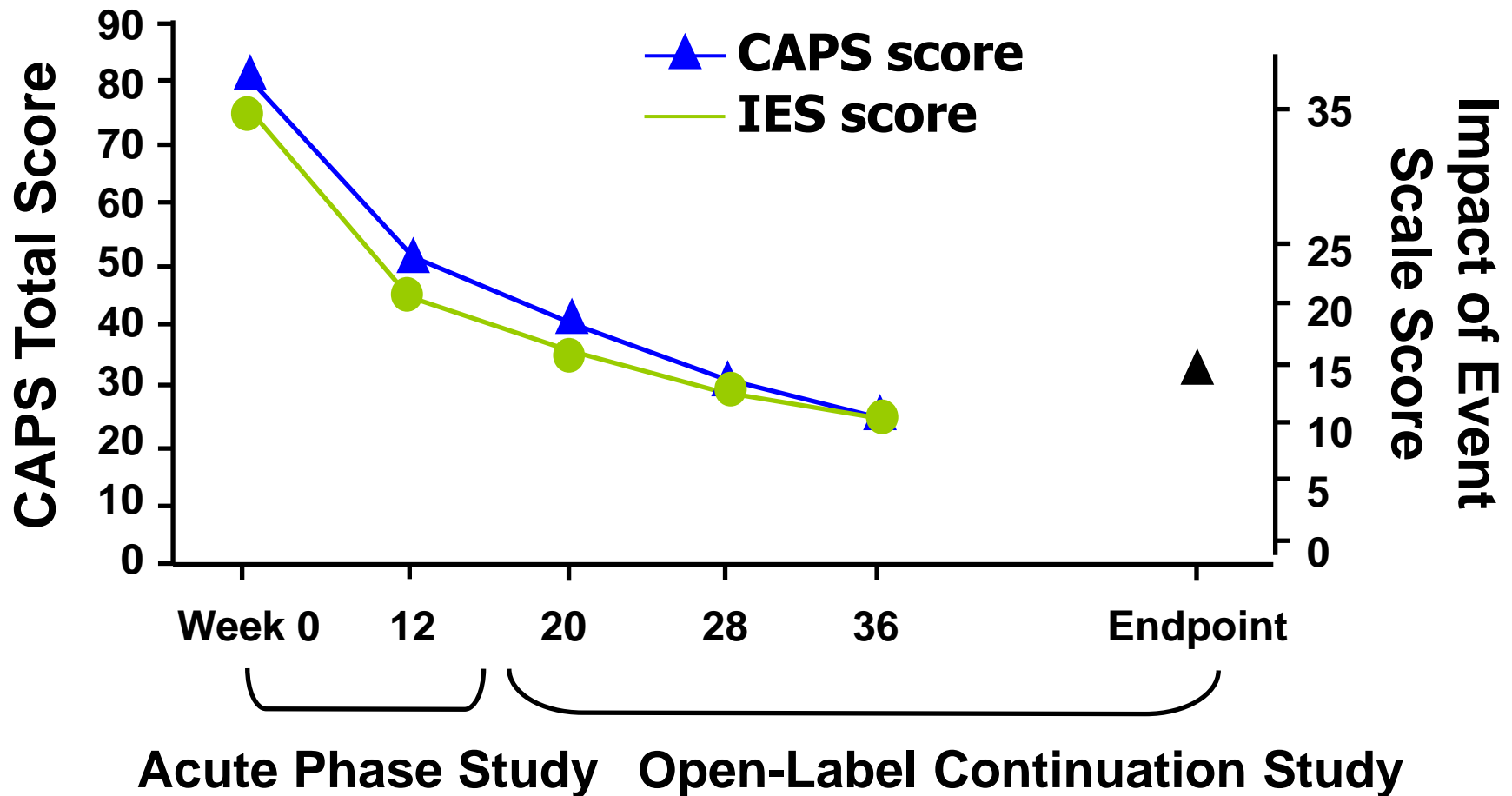
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# PTSD Remission Analysis



# Sertraline Continuation Treatment in PTSD



# Important Medication Developments

- Venlafaxine (SNRI)
  - At least as effective as SSRIs in civilian trials
- Prazosin (alpha<sub>1</sub> adrenergic antagonist)
  - Cooperative Study underway; effective in treating nightmares, allows improved sleep
- Augmentation with atypical antipsychotics
  - Negative Cooperative Study with Risperidone

# Important Medication Developments

- Mirtazapine (alpha<sub>2</sub> agonist/5-HT blocker)
  - Positive Randomized Controlled Trials
- Nefazadone (SSRI + 5-HT<sub>2</sub> antagonist)
  - Very effective
  - Monitor LFTs because of hepatotoxicity
- Bupropion (blocks presynaptic NE/DA uptake)
  - No evidence for efficacy in PTSD

# Important Medication Benefits

- Clonidine, Guanfacine (alpha<sub>2</sub> agonists)
  - Not shown to be effective
- Propranolol (beta adrenergic antagonist)
  - Has not proven to be an effective preventative agent, but reduces arousal
- Naltrexone (opiate antagonist)
  - Reduced drinking, but no direct benefit for PTSD
  - Compatible with SSRIs and TCAs

# Antiepileptic Drugs in the Treatment of PTSD

- Antiepileptic drugs promising, but currently not approved for PTSD
- Positive RCTs with Topiramate
- Negative RCTs:
  - Divalproex
  - Tiagabine
  - An equivocal finding: Lamotrigine

# Atypical Antipsychotics Not Recommended for Adjunctive Treatment of PTSD

- Four small positive trials:
  - Risperidone – Three (mostly in Veterans)
  - Olanzapine
- One small negative trial:
  - Olanzapine
- One large negative multisite trial:
  - Risperidone; n=247

# Benzodiazepine Basics

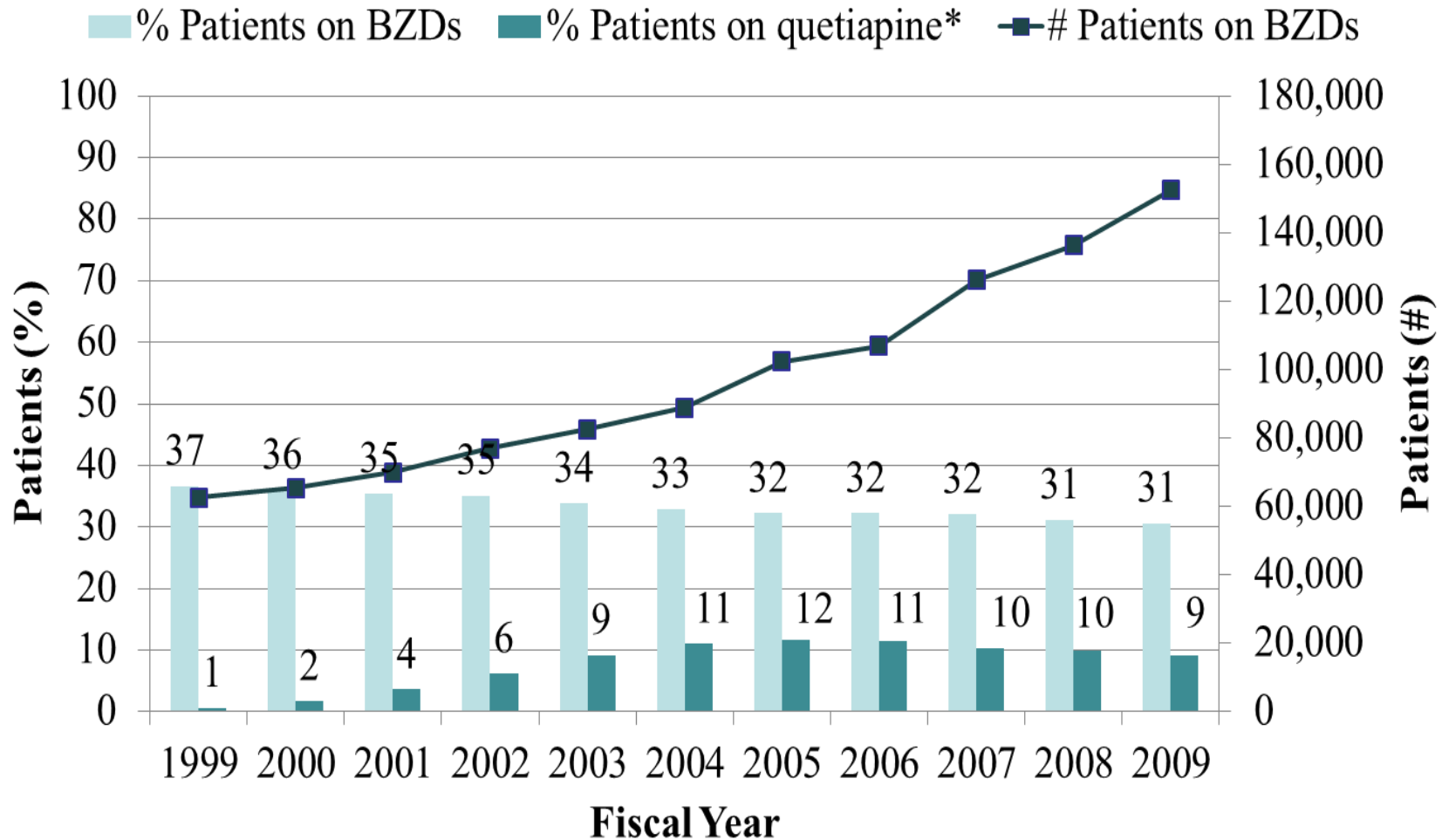
- Multiple RCTs demonstrate efficacy in anxiety disorders including:
  - Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD)
  - Panic Disorder (PD)
  - Social Anxiety Disorder (SAD)
- Effective treatments for short-term relief of anxiety symptoms or an “as-needed” basis
- Have a rapid onset of action, helps stabilize



# Benzodiazepines – Not Indicated

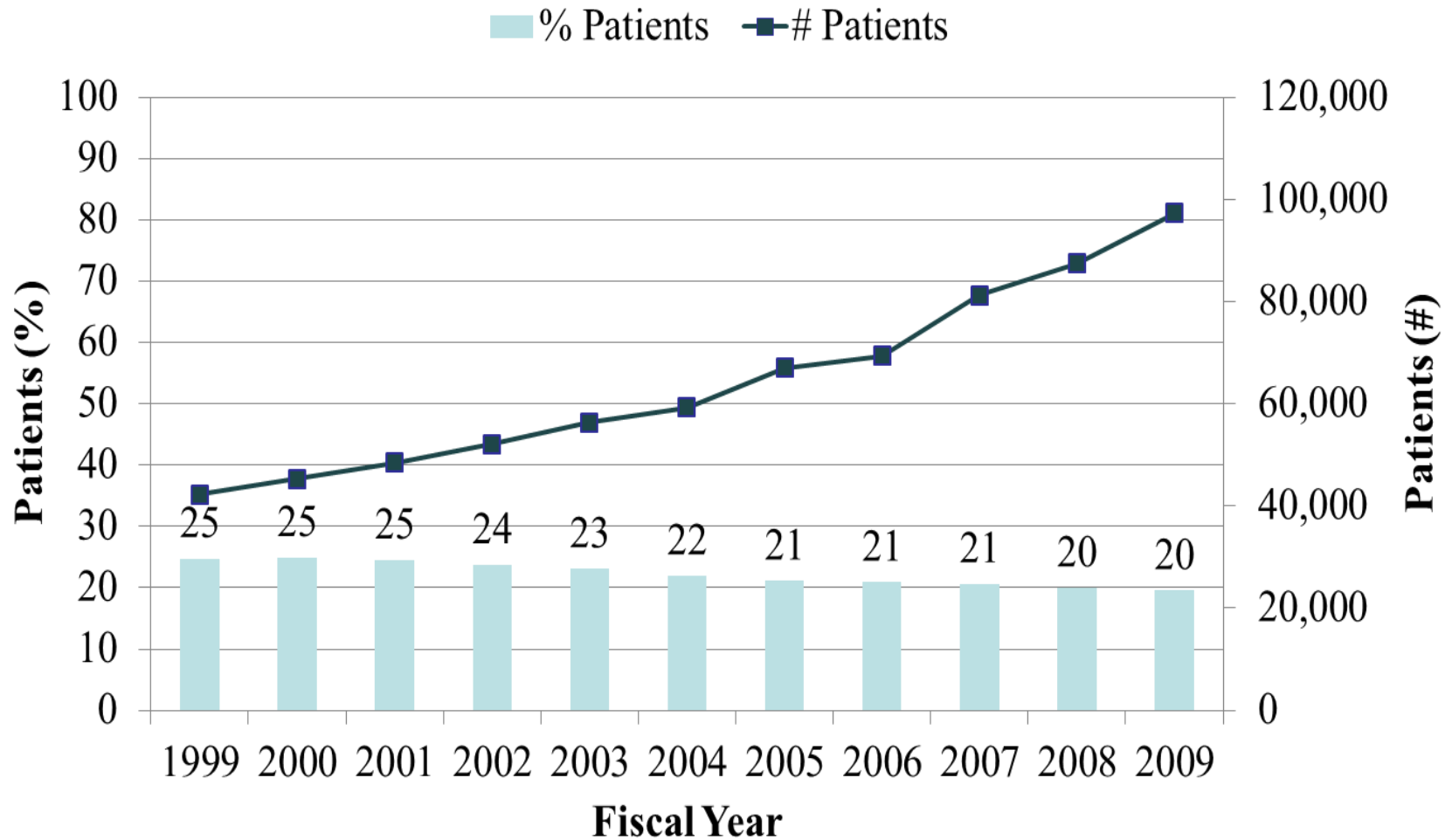
- There are concerns in prescribing benzodiazepines (BZDs) for PTSD anxiety-related symptoms
  - Questionable beneficial effects will be short-lived
  - They may interfere with CBT treatment
  - Persistent withdrawal or craving exacerbates symptoms
  - May exacerbate coexisting substance use conditions
  - May exacerbate TBI-related cognitive impairment
  - May disinhibit aggressive behavior
    - BZDs use associated with suicidal behavior

# Benzodiazepines (BZDs)



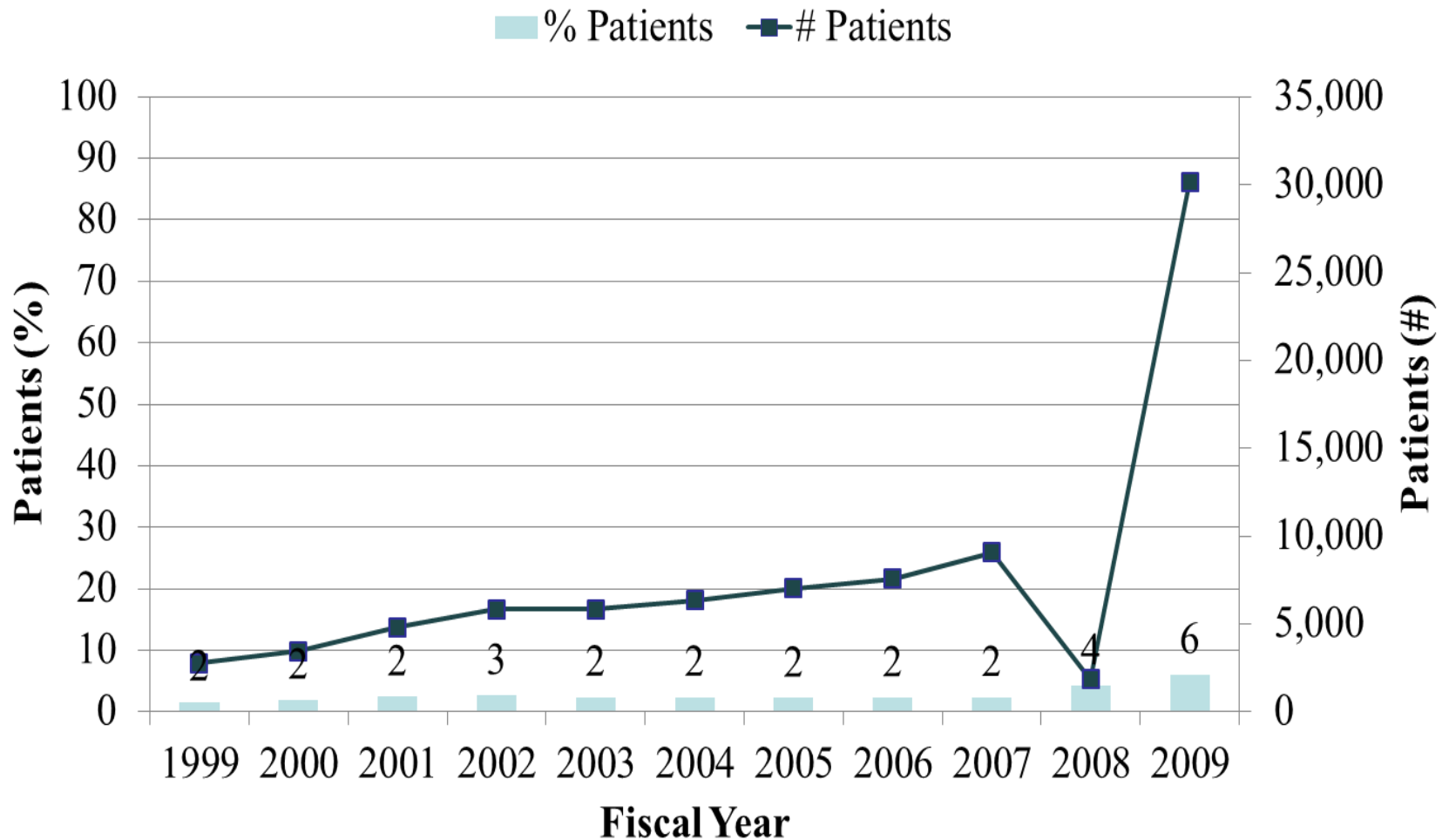
\* Dose  $\leq$  200 mg/day

# Chronic Benzodiazepines\*



\* > 90 days of continuous use in the fiscal year

# Chronic Non-Benzodiazepine Hypnotics\*



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# D-Cycloserine: PE Augmentation

- How it works
  - NMDA receptors enhanced
  - Mediates learning and memory
- Current research
  - Shown to be effective for other anxiety disorders
  - Faster extinction than exposure alone
  - Research with PTSD patients underway

# PTSD Treatment Pharmacotherapy

## Balance = Benefit - Harm

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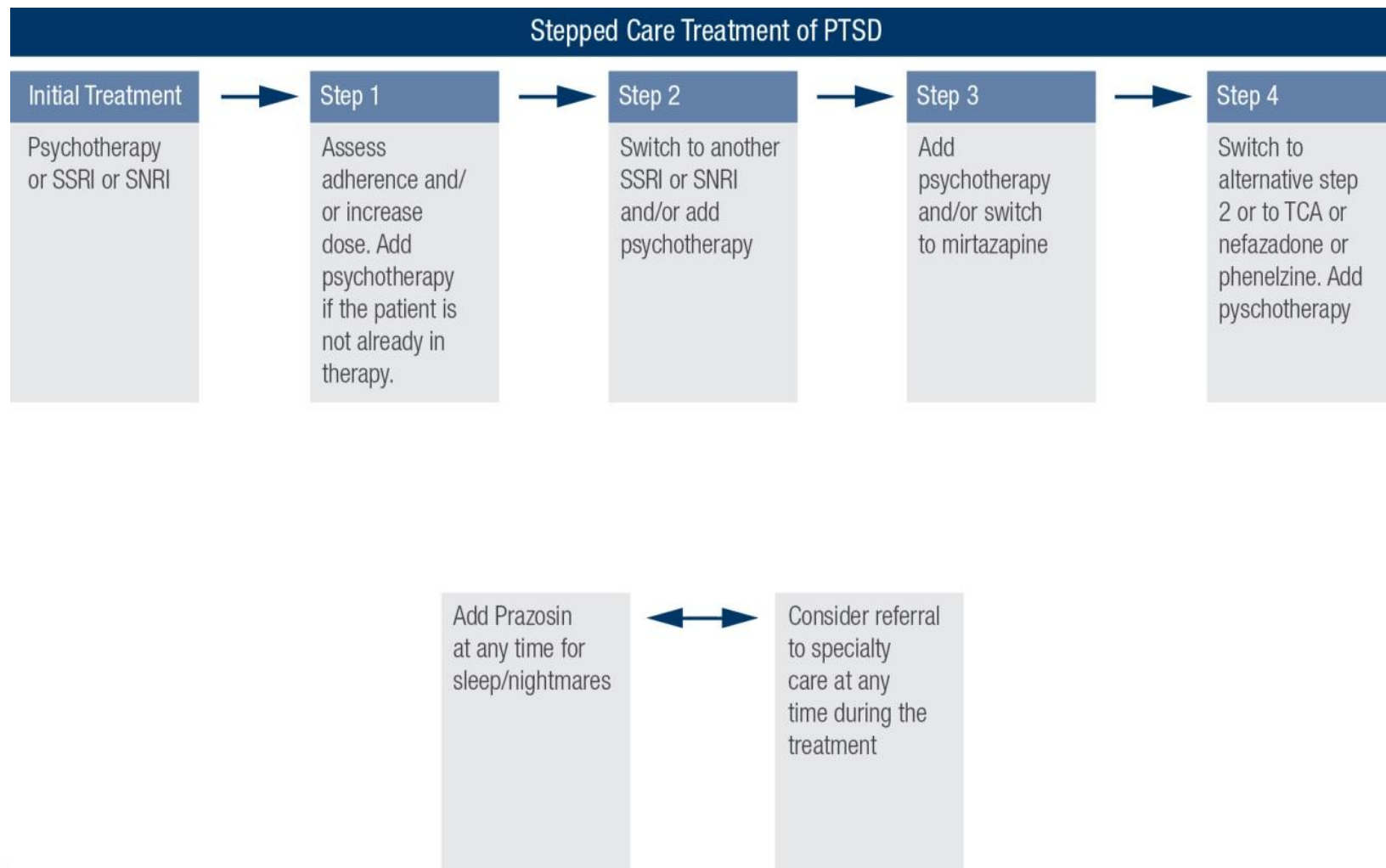
# PTSD Treatment Pharmacotherapy

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I = Insufficient Evidence

# Algorithm for Stepped Care Approach

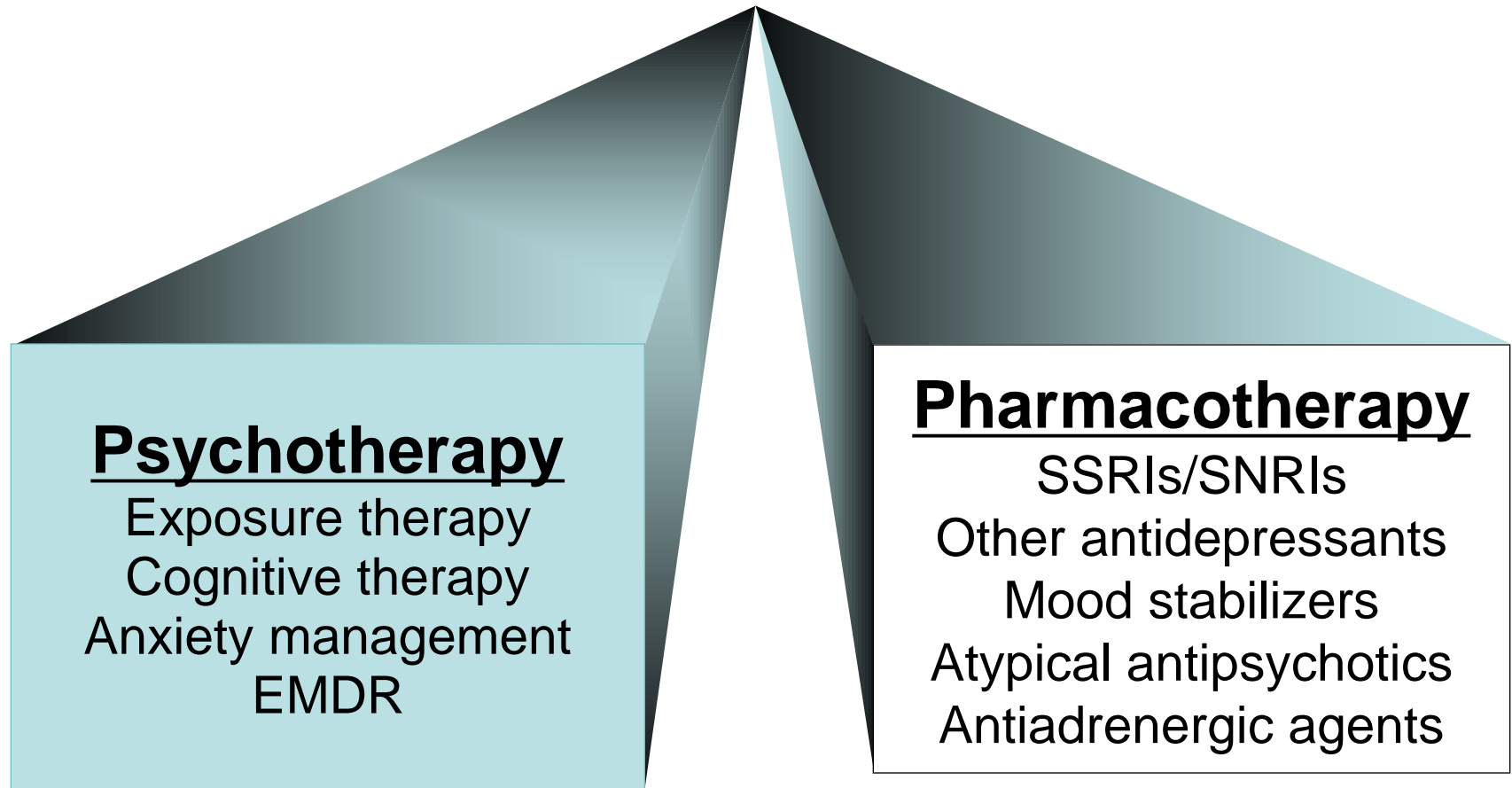




# Evidence for Augmentation

- As of yet, no RCTs comparing ET with pharmacotherapy. However, there have been two augmentation trials:
  - ET plus 10 weeks of Sertraline resulted in reduction in relapse and symptom reduction in patients who did not respond to Sertraline (Rothbaum, 2006)
  - Augmentation with Paroxetine for patients who partially responded to six ET sessions did not result in additional benefit (Simon, 2007)

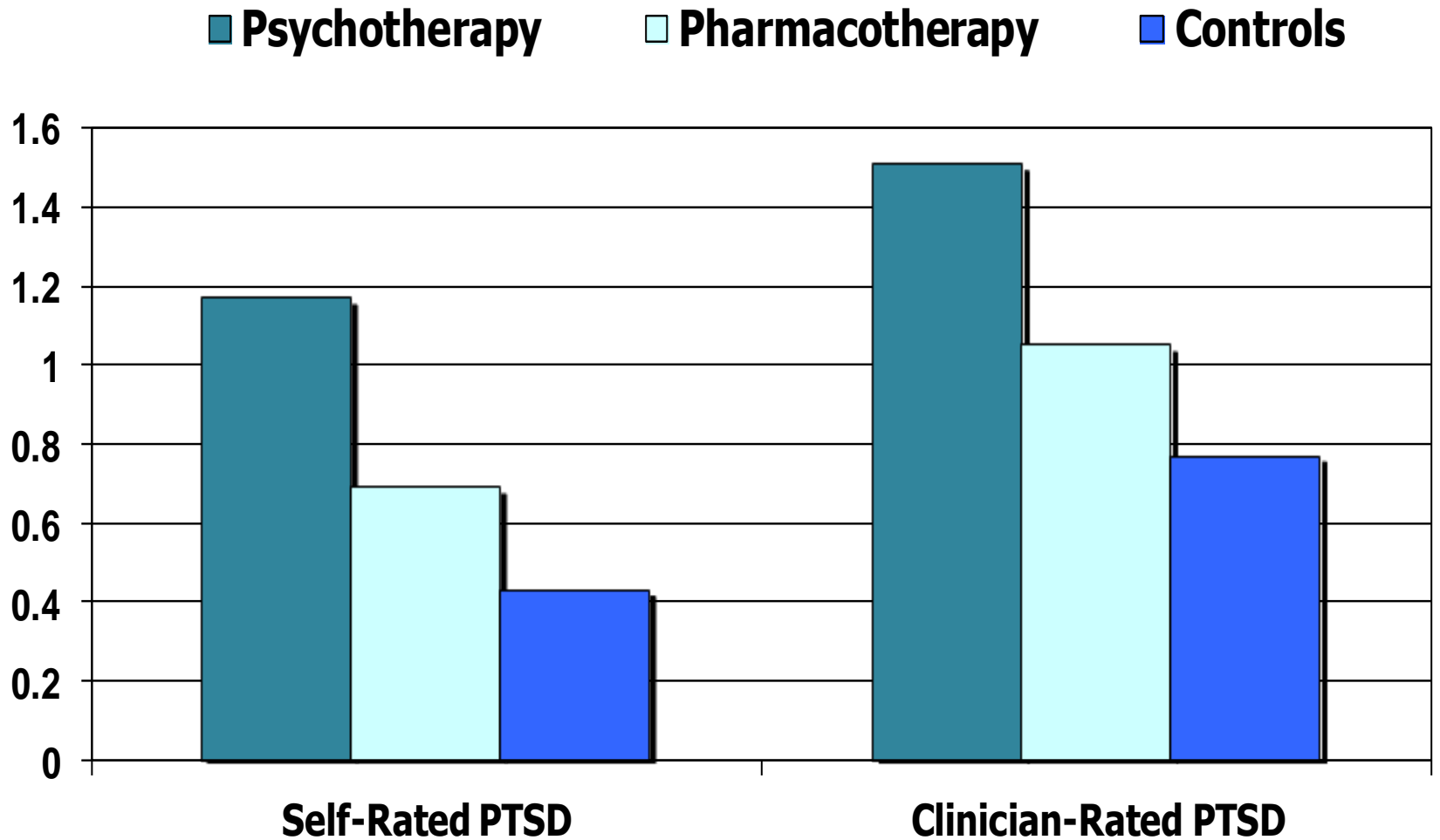
# PTSD Treatment Options



# VA/DoD Clinical Practice Guidelines

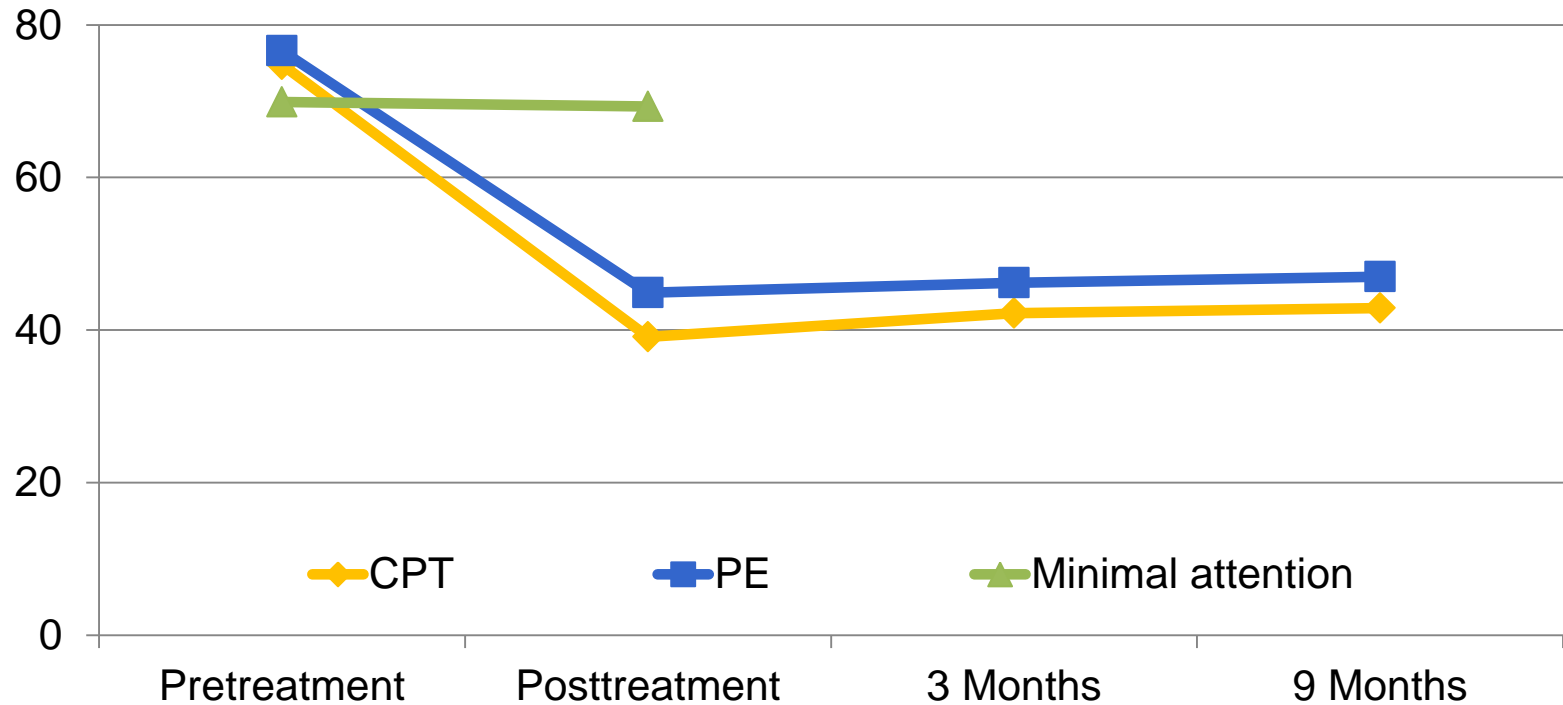
- First Line Treatments: Psychotherapy
  - Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy
    - Cognitive Processing Therapy
    - Prolonged Exposure
  - Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing
- Pharmacotherapy Treatments
  - Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors
  - Venlafaxine
  - Response rates to SSRIs, however, rarely exceed 60%
- Options for non-responders are needed

# Meta-Analysis of PTSD Treatments

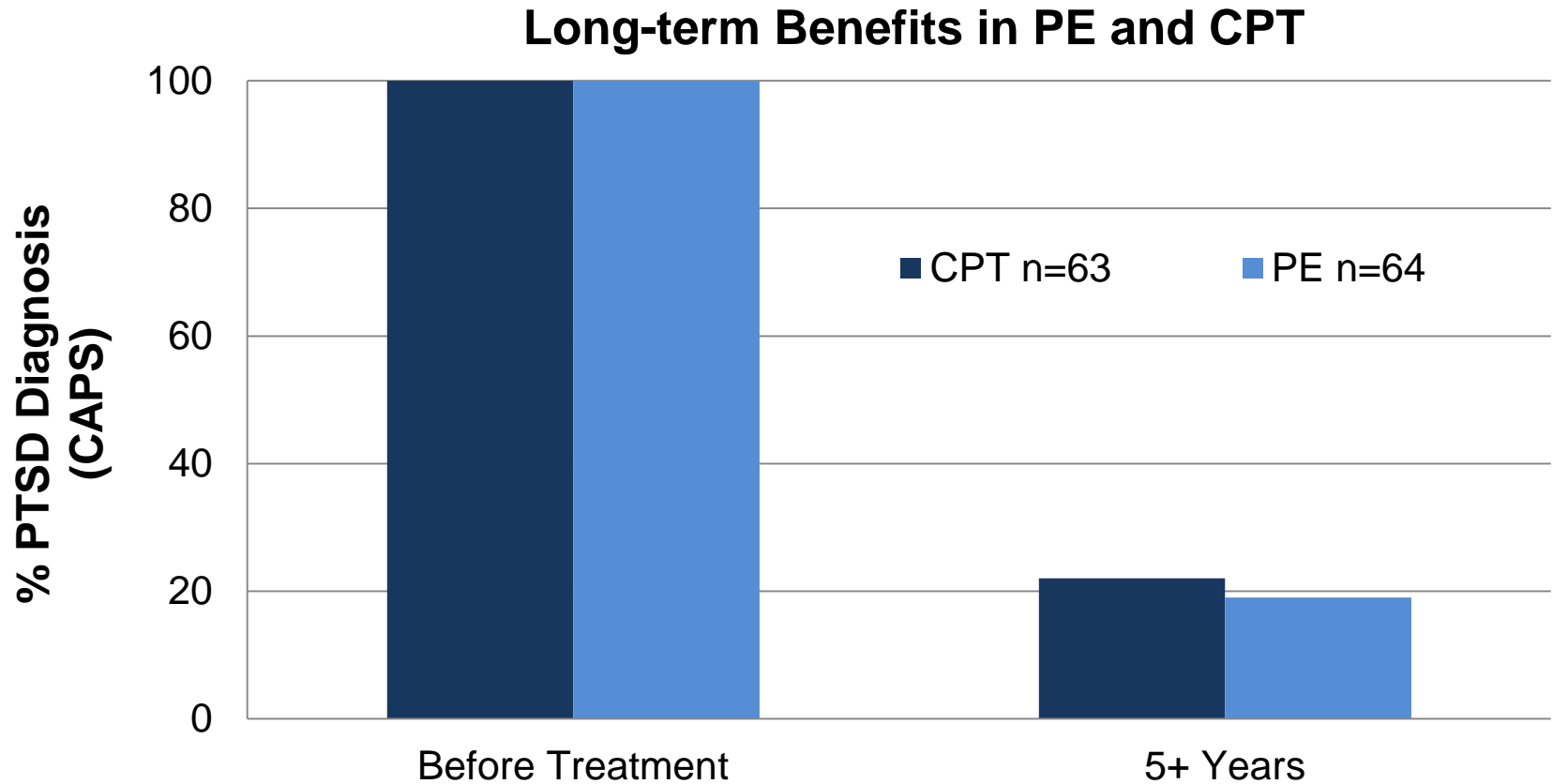


# CAPS PTSD Scores in Women Treated with PE versus CPT

## Comparable Effects of PE and CPT



# PTSD Diagnosis Before Treatment and at 5+ Years in CPT and PE



# CBT Instead of Medication

There is some emerging evidence that, given a choice, patients would rather have CBT than medication.

# Key Questions About Treatment

- How should one choose among treatment modalities?
- What can one expect from treatment and how does one define realistic goals?
- How can one combine various treatment techniques?
- How does one approach complex clinical pictures and comorbid conditions?
- How long should a treatment be followed?
- How does one make sense of clinical difficulties and assess failure?



# Criteria for Choosing Treatment for PTSD

- Expected efficacy for amelioration of PTSD severity
- Associated disorders and problems
- Difficulties, side effects, negative effects
- Acceptability and consent
- Cultural appropriateness
- Length, cost and availability of resources
- Legal, administrative and forensic implications
- Accessibility and acceptability to the family

# Realistic Goals

- Remission is always the goal, unless proven otherwise
- Many chronic patients who have failed to respond to other therapies have benefited significantly from CBT or new medications
- If remission is not a realistic goal, maintenance of optimal function is the desired endpoint (e.g., recovery)

# Combining Treatments

- Introduce treatments one at a time
  - Take into account: treatment efficacy, patient's choices and clinician's experience
- Conduct adequate clinical trial to determine effectiveness
- Discontinue if ineffective or intolerable side effects
- For partial response: introduce second treatment (prescription or CBT) without discontinuing first (e.g., Prazosin, atypicals, Mirtazapine)
- If response is adequate, try to discontinue first treatment
  - Try to eliminate all unnecessary medications

# Polypharmacy

- The usual reason for polypharmacy is a partial response
- A clinical tendency is to add additional medications when one or more medications are only partially effective
- Because of compliance, side effects and drug interactions, one should always strive to eliminate ineffective medications whenever possible

# Combined Treatments

- Combined treatments are common but data limited
  - Prolonged Exposure (PE) improved outcomes in partial responders to an SSRI
  - SSRI did not improve outcomes in partial responders to PE
  - D-cycloserine improved outcomes of PE in patients with anxiety disorders

# Treating Comorbid Conditions

- Vast majority of patients will have >1 comorbid disorder
- Crises and urgent conditions must be treated first
  - Suicidal/homicidal behavior
  - Severe alcohol/chemical dependency
  - Incapacitating depression
  - Marital/family/vocational crisis

# Management of Co-occurring Disorders

- Providers should screen/assess for medical disorders/symptoms, mental disorders and psychosocial problems that commonly co-exist with PTSD
  - Depression, other psychiatric disorders, substance use patterns (i.e., alcohol, nicotine, prescribed drugs and illicit drugs), TBI, chronic pain, sleep patterns, associated high-risk behaviors (e.g., HIV and hepatitis risk)

# Management of Co-occurring Disorders

- Little evidence exists for treatment recommendations for co-occurring disorders and PTSD
- Strategy is to follow the other VA/DoD Guidelines for the co-occurring disorder
  - [www.healthquality.va.gov](http://www.healthquality.va.gov)



# Management of Co-occurring Disorders – PTSD and SUD

- Recommendation is to offer coordinated treatment and **concurrent** care when possible
- Addiction-focused pharmacotherapy should be offered, when appropriate
- Several psychotherapy options in SUD guideline; preliminary evidence for PTSD CBT treatments
- Assess response to treatment and monitor biological indicators

# Treating Comorbid Conditions

Few Randomized Clinical Trials:

- PTSD and SUD
  - Seeking safety - Five RCTs
  - Sertraline - One RCT
  - Naltrexone/Disulfiram - One RCT
- PTSD and psychotic symptoms
  - Risperidone - One RCT

# Evidence-Informed Strategies for Comorbid Conditions

- PTSD and Depression or Anxiety
  - FIRST LINE: SSRI/SNRI -- good for both
  - Augment with Mirtazapine, TCA
  - Augment with Prazosin/atypicals (for depression)
- For co-occurring major depression, recommendation is to treat the PTSD and MDD which will typically improve (if severe, refer to specialty care)

# Evidence-Informed Strategies for Comorbid Conditions

- PTSD and Hyperarousal/Dissociation/Aggression
  - SSRI/SNRI
  - Prazosin, Clonidine/Guanfacine, Propranolol
  - Benzodiazepines may disinhibit aggressive behavior

# CPG Recommendations for Insomnia

- Behavior/Lifestyle Changes
  - Sleep hygiene
  - Less caffeine
  - Stop smoking
  - Aerobic exercise
- Psychotherapy (CBT-I)
- Medication

# First, Make the Diagnosis

- Consider non-PTSD causes of insomnia
- First, screen for substance use disorders and depression
  - Alcohol
  - Nicotine
  - Stimulants
  - Major depression
- Refer to the VA/DoD CPG on SUD at [www.healthqualityva.gov](http://www.healthqualityva.gov) for the SUD and MDD guidelines and any of the other available CPG documents

# Second, Primary Sleep Disorders

- Restless Legs (RL)
- Periodic Limb Movements of Sleep (PLMS)
- Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)

# Evidence-Informed Strategies for Comorbid Conditions

## PTSD and Insomnia

- **FIRST LINE:** Prazosin
- Augment with Trazadone (i.e., Hydroxyzine or Diphenhydramine)
- Augment with SSRI/SNRI for co-occurring depression



# Evidence-Informed Strategies for Comorbid Conditions

- PTSD and Psychotic/Hypervigilance
  - SSRI/SNRI and atypical antipsychotics
- PTSD and Bipolar Disorder
  - SSRI/SNRI and mood stabilizer

# Treating Comorbid Conditions

## PTSD and Cognitive Impairment (mTBI)

- Start low, go slow
- Avoid Anticholinergics
- Avoid Benzodiazepines
- Consider stimulants
- Consider CBT (for mTBI)

# PTSD and TBI

## Three Important Medication Groups

- Dopaminergic Agonists
  - Amantadine and Memantine
  - Ropinirole and Pramipexole
- Anticholinesterase Inhibitors
  - Galantamine
  - Donepezil
  - Rivastigmine
- Stimulants
  - Methylphenidate
  - Dextroamphetamine
  - Amphetamine

**Chronic  
Pain**

**PTSD**



# Migraine Headaches

## Acute Migraine Treatment

- Triptans (Serotonin Agonists)
  - Faster-acting: Sumatriptan, Zolmitriptan, Rizatriptan, Almotriptan and Eletriptan
  - Slower-acting: Naratriptan and Frovatriptan
  - Synergy: Combination Triptan/NSAID (i.e., Sumatriptan/Naproxen Sodium)
- Ergots (Dihydroergotamine - DHE)
  - Injection and nasal spray
  - Use in those who do not tolerate Triptans, failed Triptan therapy, or in those with prolonged attacks

# Treatment Strategies for Back Pain

Exercise	Return to Activity	Medications	Other Interventions
Flexibility exercises	Return to activity	NSAIDS	Surgery
Range-of-motion exercises	Return to activity	Acetaminophen	Spinal cord stimulation
Aerobic exercises	Return to activity	Tramadol	Breathing techniques; Relaxation
Muscle strengthening exercises	Return to activity	Opioid analgesics	CBT
	* Harder to rebuild after deconditioning	Antidepressants (primarily for patients with comorbid depression)	

# Treatment Strategies for Neuropathic

Anticonvulsants	Opiates	Antidepressants	Other Meds	Interventions
Gabapentin 900-3,600mg/day	Methadone 5-100mg/day	Amitriptyline 25-200mg/day	Topical Capsaicin	Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation (TENS)
Carbamazepine 600-1,200mg/day	Tramadol 50-400mg/day	Nortriptyline 25-150mg/day	Topical Lidocaine	Sympathetic Nerve Blocks
Valproic Acid 750-2,500mg/day		Desipramine 25-200mg/day	Lidocaine patch 5% (max 3 patches in 12 hour period)	Hypnosis, biofeedback, relaxation training
Topiramate 100-200mg/day				
Clonazepam 0.5-3mg/day		Venlafaxine XR 150-225mg/day		
Lamotrigine 200-400mg/day		Duloxetine 60-120mg/day		
Pregabalin 300-600mg/day				

# Treatment Strategies for Tension Headaches

Abortive Treatments	Prophylactic Treatments	Other Treatments
NSAIDS	TCA's (Amitriptyline, Nortriptyline)	Dental referral
Acetaminophen	SSRIs	Stress management
Aspirin	Venlafaxine	Biofeedback
		Relaxation training
		CBT



# Opioid Pain Management

- For patients with moderate to moderately severe pain
  - Oxycodone
  - Methadone
  - Hydrocodone
  - Fentanyl
  - Morphine
- Goal to provide sustained analgesia and improvements in sleep quality, adherence, quality of life
- Careful screening of patients being considered for long-term opioid therapy to identify patients who may have difficulties in managing opioids
- These patients should NOT be denied access to opioid therapy, but they do require focused monitoring; increased frequency and intensity
- During therapy prescribers MUST focus on the four A's:
  - Analgesia
  - Activities of daily living
  - Adverse effects (sedation, cognitive impairment, constipation)
  - Aberrant drug-related behaviors

# Opioid Management for Chronic Pain Patients

- Clearly explain risks and benefits as part of informed consent process
- Dependence and tolerance are physiological responses to opioids
- Medication should not be abruptly stopped and must be tapered
- Withdrawal symptoms may occur
- Opioid agreement
- Adherence measures: urine drug screens as needed; pill counts
- Discuss treatment goals with patient -- expected degree of pain relief with treatment
- Provide enough medication needed until next evaluation
- Establish one provider, one pharmacy relationship
- Opioid therapy is a component of the overall treatment plan that should include:
  - Referral for physical and behavioral therapy
  - Life-style modifications
  - Consult specialists as needed

# How long should a treatment be continued?

- Most published follow-up < 1 year
- Discontinuation of successful pharmacotherapy usually (but not always) followed by relapse
- Need to periodically assess necessity for continuing medication
- Since PTSD patients are vulnerable to relapse following complete remission, it would be good to investigate the utility of maintenance prophylaxis

# How to Understand Treatment Resistance

- Inadequate dosage
- Side effects
- Drug interactions
- Poor compliance
- Adverse life events
- Ongoing or retraumatization
- Loss of social support

# Reasons for Nonadherence

- Intentional
  - Choosing not to follow the prescribed treatment
  - Choosing not to engage in treatment
  - Choosing to avoid the side effect(s) of treatment
- Nonintentional
  - Forgetting the instruction(s) for treatment
  - Confusion about the instructions for treatment
  - Lack of finances to pay for treatment
  - Deny the illness and thus, deny its treatment
  - Fear of addiction and thus, reduce treatment
  - Pressure from significant others; change treatment

# PTSD and Nonadherence Risk

- Depression severity
- PTSD severity
- A sense of foreshortened future
- Feelings of detachment
- Avoiding reminders of the treatment event
- Cognitive deficits in memory and attention
- Desire to self-medicate

# Key Concepts to Build Rapport

- Acknowledge readjustments after returning
- Recognize self-reliance and self-sufficiency
- Admire resilient temperament
- Question denial as a defense
- Combat stigma
- Explore ambivalences about treatment
- Establish hope for the future

# Strategies to Enhance Adherence to Treatment

- Build rapport
- Reduce patient burden
- Discuss/Minimize side effects
- Show optimism about the treatment
- Engage patient in treatment decisions
- Respond to treatment related complaints or ambivalence
- Pay attention to anger or frustration towards patient whom is not adherent or is not improving in treatment



# New Recommendations for the Management of Specific Symptoms

- Specific management of symptoms of sleep disturbance, chronic pain and anger is provided and aimed to assist primary care:
  - Initially use CBT to address sleep; consider Prazosin adjunctive pharmacotherapy for nightmares
  - Consider CBT to address pain; balance benefits of pain control with adverse medication effects
  - Explore for causes of anger; promote well-being and consider SSRI/SNRI; **avoid Benzodiazepines**

# Implications of Recommendations

- In addition to specifics about treatment recommendations, important to advise clinicians on how to best use the guideline
- The move to integrated care models has several advantages including all issues addressed in one setting by multidisciplinary team
- In general, refer to specialty care if a patient with PTSD has comorbid mental disorders that are severe or unstable

# Determination of Optimal Setting

- Consider local availability of necessary services (mental health, primary care, Vet Centers, others)
- Level of provider comfort and experience in treating psychiatric comorbidities
- Veteran-centered care -- patient preferences
- Need to maintain a coordinated continuum of care for chronic comorbidities
- Availability of resources and time in engaging in the necessary treatment(s)

# Roles of Primary Care

- Routinely provide the following services for all patients with PTSD, especially those who are reluctant to seek specialty mental health care:
  - Continued discussion about specialty care
  - Address specific symptoms as reviewed in guidelines
  - PTSD-related education
  - Regular follow-up and monitoring of symptoms

# Assessment in Primary Care

- Thorough assessment if
  - Presumed to have symptoms of PTSD
  - Positive for PTSD screen
- Consider using well-validated, self-administered symptom checklists (e.g., PCL)
  - Ensures systematic, standardized review of symptoms and trauma history exposure
  - Allows monitoring of treatment response and progress

# Continuity of Care

- For patients referred to specialty care, important to preserve continuity of care by ensuring ongoing communication with the primary care provider
- Primary care providers should continue to be involved in treatment and provide a collaborative multidisciplinary treatment approach
- All PTSD patients should have a specific primary care provider assigned to coordinate overall health care

# Conclusions and Challenges

- Promoting evidence-based treatment ultimately enhances and optimizes treatment outcomes
- Clearly, we have a ways to go to give providers tools that they can easily use
- Outcome measures will ensure that the guideline has a useful impact on practice and well-being
- Use the current gaps in knowledge as a map for future research/improvements

# Thank You – Questions?





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