

Medicines Management & Pharmacy Services (MMPS)

Antipsychotics and weight gain

Most weight is gained during the first 12 – 16 weeks of treatment and can continue for several years at a lower rate.

All antipsychotics have been associated with weight gain, although mean weight gain varies substantially between drugs.

Some patients will gain no weight and others will gain a considerable amount.

Drugs associated with a high risk of weight gain

Clozapine

Olanzapine

Drugs associated with a moderate risk of weight gain

Chlorpromazine

Quetiapine

Risperidone

Drugs associated with a low risk of weight gain

Amisulpride

Aripiprazole

Haloperidol

Sulpiride

For further information: www.choiceandmedication.org/leedsandyorkpft

References

- (1) Maudsley Prescribing Guidelines; 11th edition; 2012
- (2) Bazire; Psychotropic Drug Directory 2010

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