

# UPDATE ON NEURO/PSYCH MEDICATIONS

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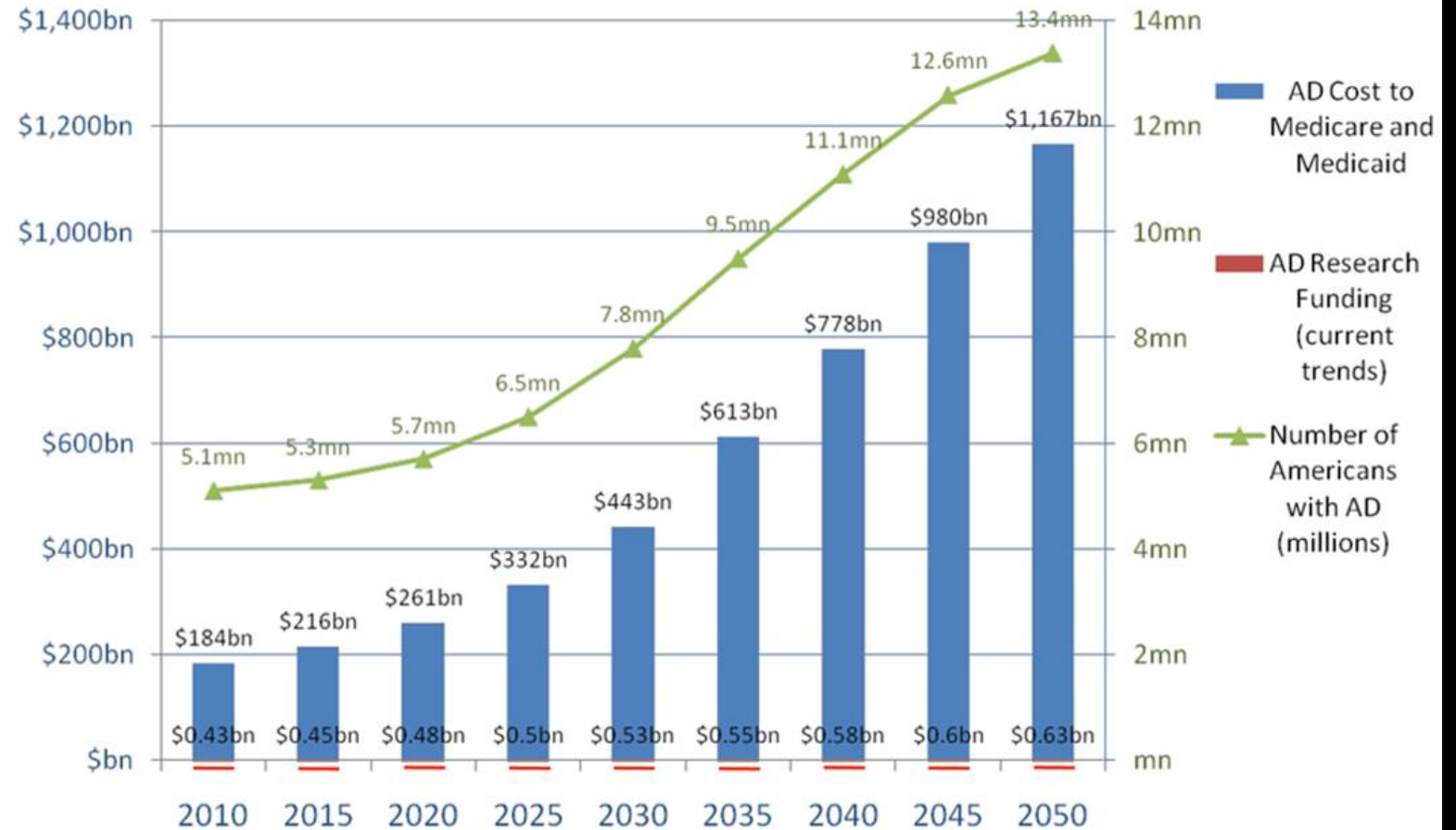


# DEMENTIA



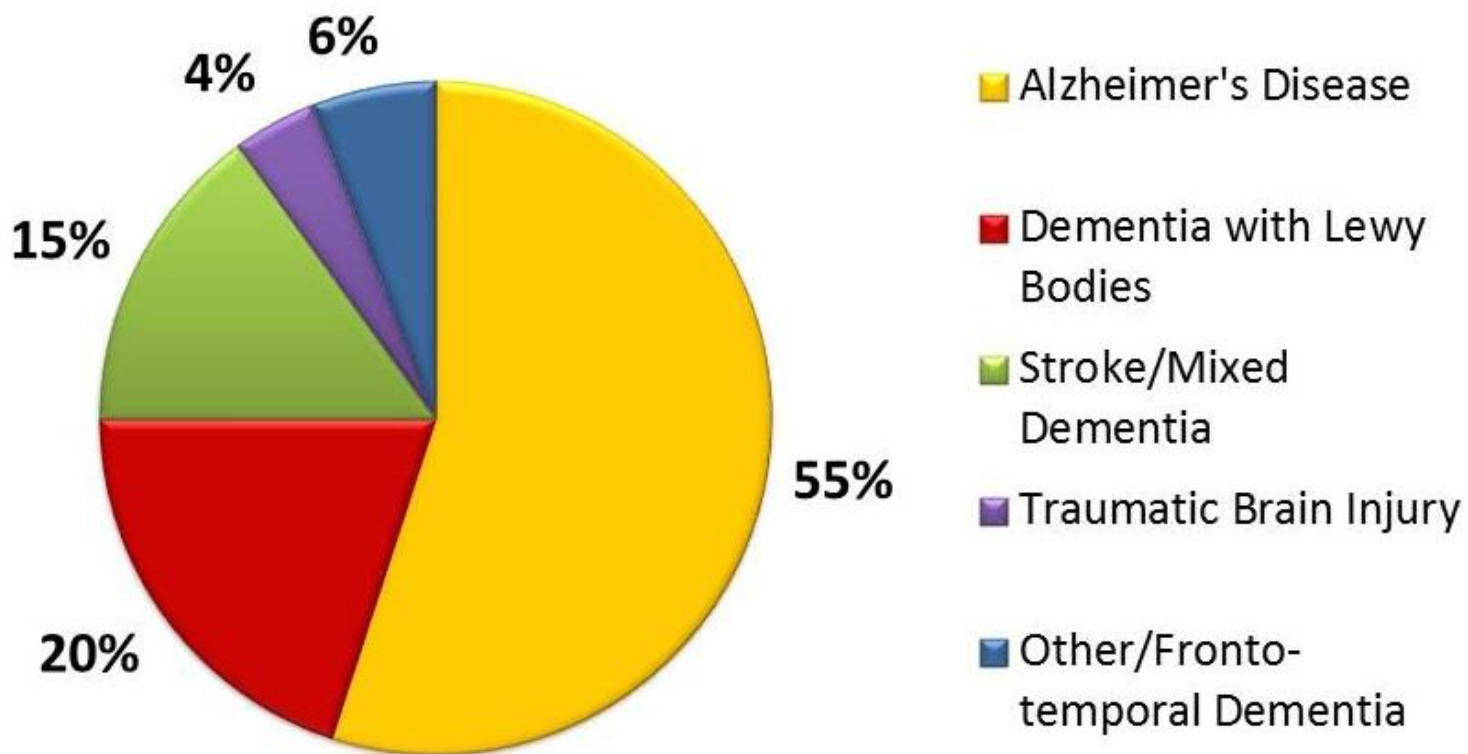
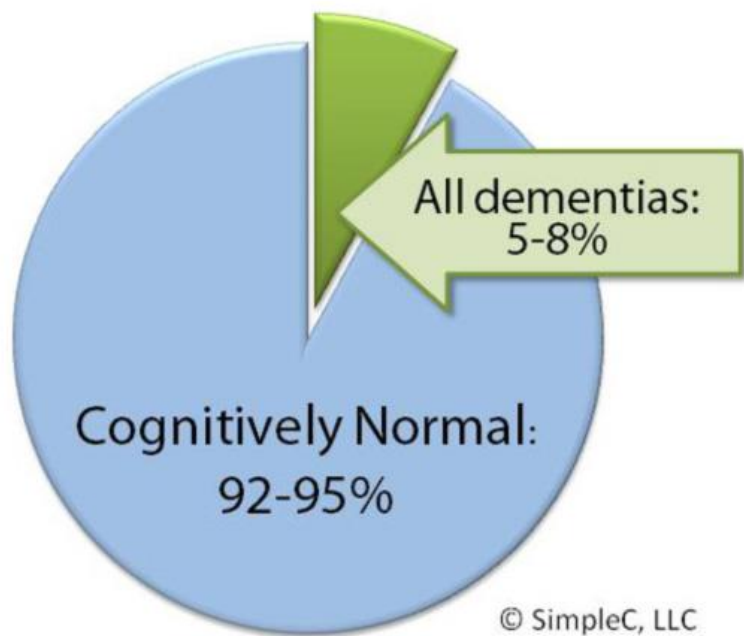
## Federal Gov't Expenditures

## People in US with Alzheimer's



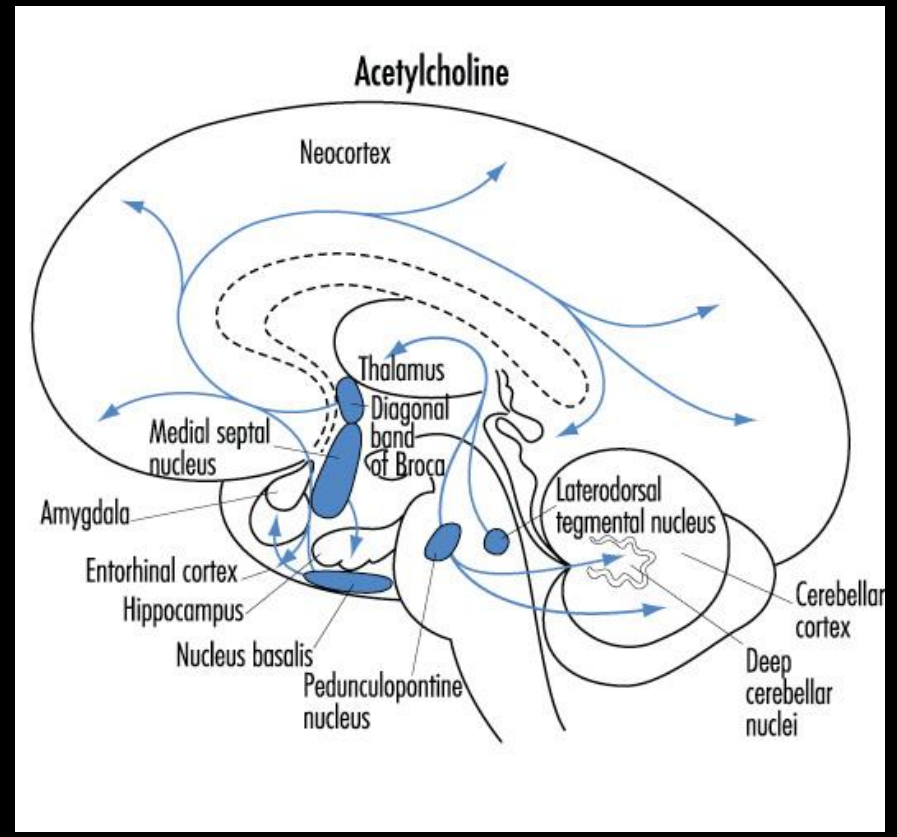
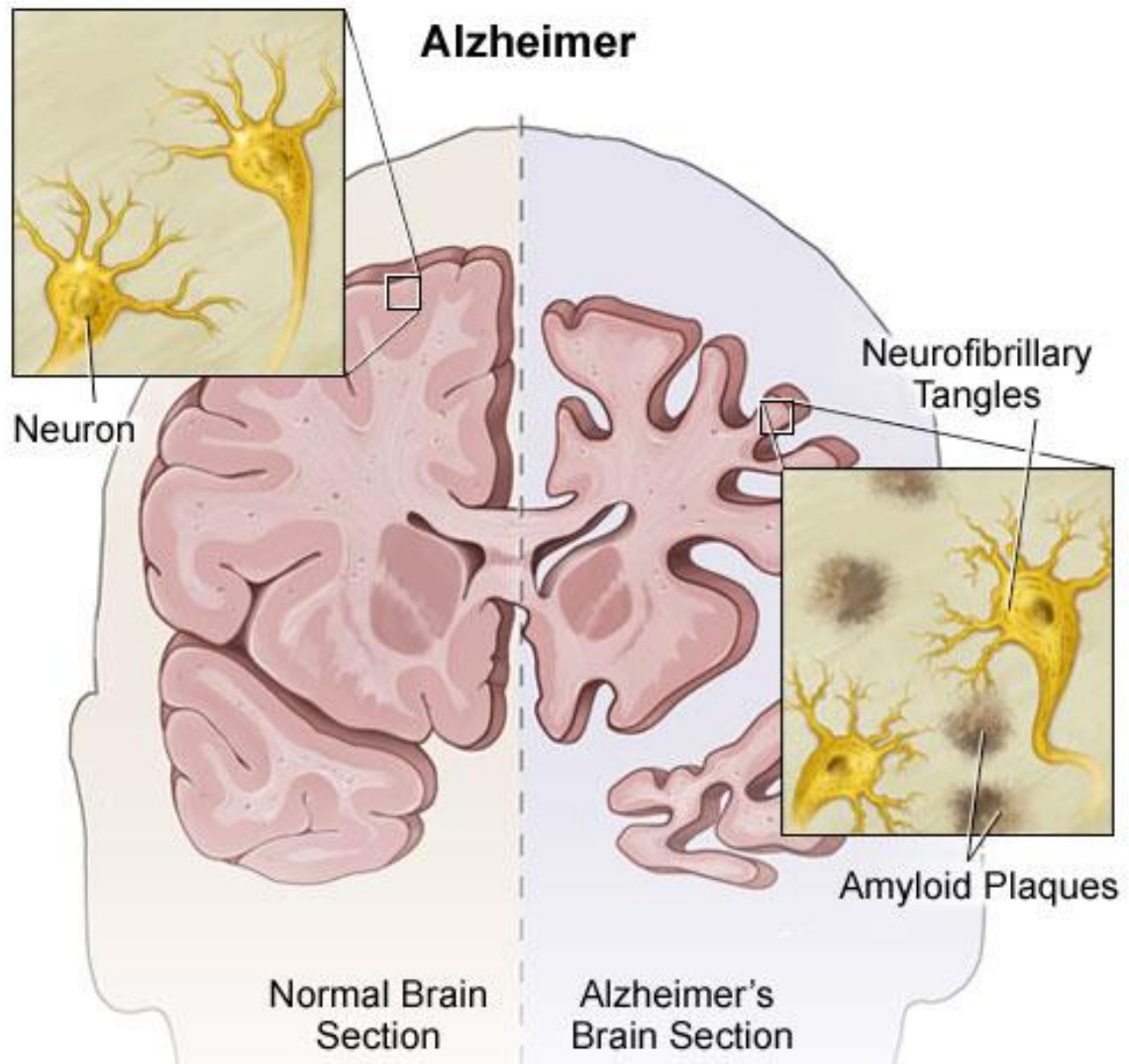
Sources: Alzheimer's Study Group, *A National Alzheimer's Strategic Plan: The Report of the Alzheimer's Study Group* (March 2009); Alzheimer's Association, *2009 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures* (March 2009); National Institutes of Health Office of the Budget

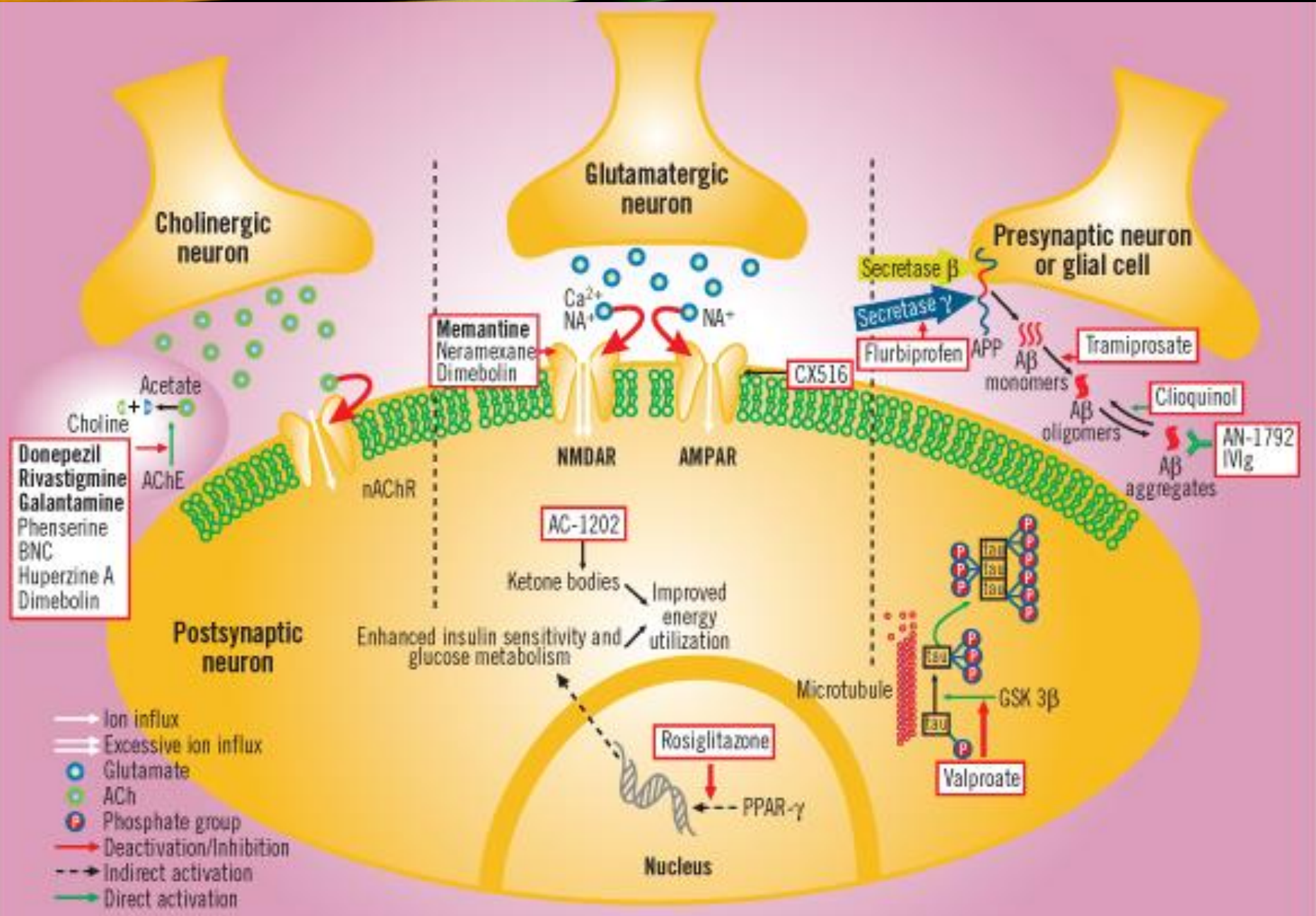
Researchers estimate that **5-8% of Americans aged 65+** have dementia



Type of Dementia	% of Dementias	Symptoms	Pathology
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Lewy Body	20	Visual hallucinations, cognition fluctuation Parkinsonian: gait, tremor, rigid tone, falls – sensitive to antipsychotics, PD meds	Atrophy, Lewy bodies cortex
Vascular	15	Focal signs, stepwise decline	Stroke, diabetes
Pseudo	*	Mimics dementia	Depression, bipolar,
Other	10	Nutritional, trauma, AIDS, thyroid, <b>drugs</b> /alcohol	Fe, B12, folate,







## FDA-approved drugs

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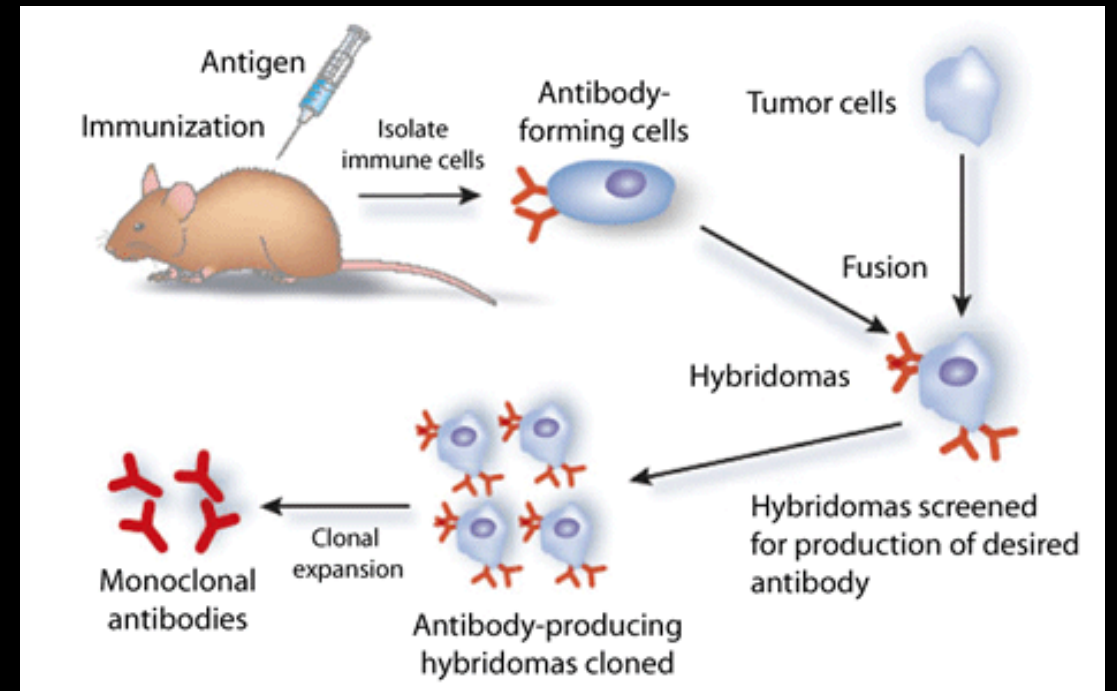
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved five medications (listed below) to treat the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease.

<b>Drug name</b>	<b>Brand name</b>	<b>Approved For</b>	<b>FDA Approved</b>
1. donepezil	Aricept	All stages	1996
2. galantamine	Razadyne	Mild to moderate	2001
3. memantine	Namenda	Moderate to severe	2003
4. rivastigmine	Exelon	All stages	2000
5. donepezil and memantine	Namzaric	Moderate to severe	2014



# ADUCANUMAB

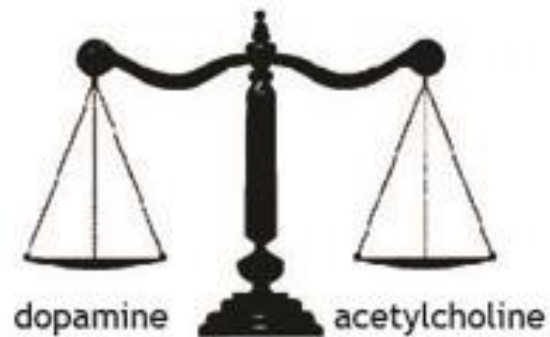
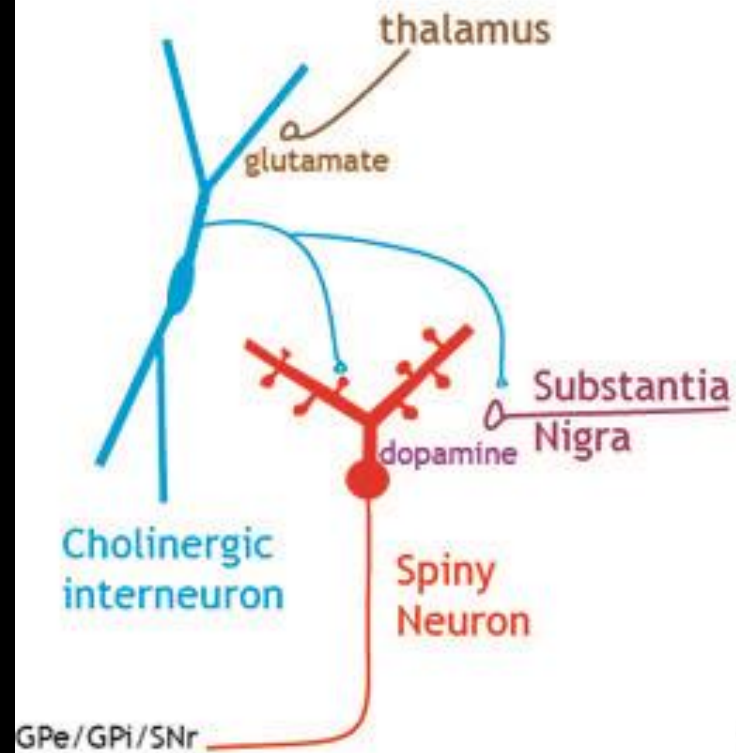
- Sept 1 2016 Nature
- MAB targeting amyloid plaque
- **Scientists may have 'game changer' drug to treat Alzheimer's**



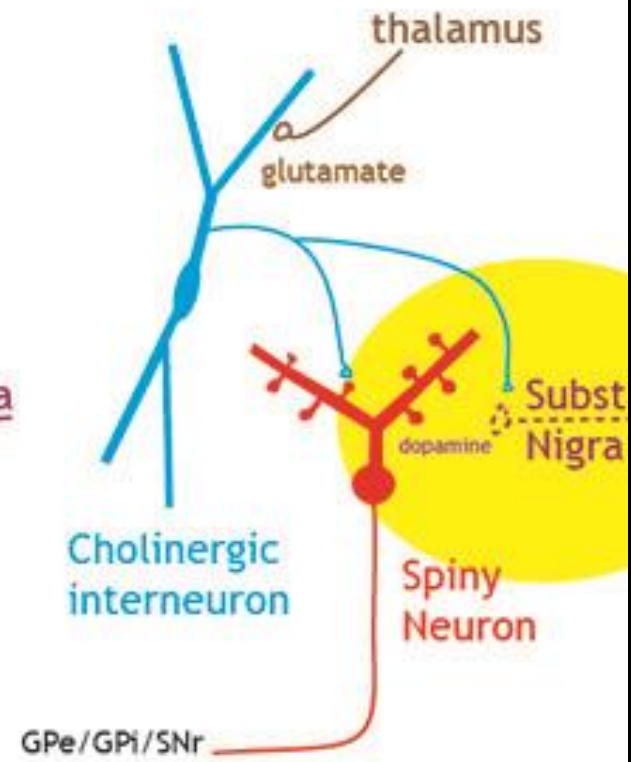


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### A. Normal



### B. Parkinson's disease



**WARNING: INCREASED MORTALITY IN ELDERLY PATIENTS WITH DEMENTIA-RELATED PSYCHOSIS**

Elderly patients with dementia-related psychosis treated with antipsychotic drugs are at an increased risk of death. Analyses of 17 placebo-controlled trials (modal duration of 10 weeks), largely in patients taking atypical antipsychotic drugs, revealed a risk of death in drug-treated patients of between 1.6 to 1.7 times the risk of death in placebo-treated patients. Over the course of a typical 10-week controlled trial, the rate of death in drug-treated patients was about 4.5%, compared to a rate of about 2.6% in the placebo group. Although the causes of death were varied, most of the deaths appeared to be either cardiovascular (e.g., heart failure, sudden death) or infectious (e.g., pneumonia) in nature. Observational studies suggest that, similar to atypical antipsychotic drugs, treatment with conventional antipsychotic drugs may increase mortality. The extent to which the findings of increased mortality in observational studies may be attributed to the antipsychotic drug as opposed to some characteristic(s) of the patients is not clear. RISPERDAL<sup>®</sup> (risperidone) is not approved for the treatment of patients with dementia-related psychosis. *[See Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*



# NUPLAZID (PIMAVANSERIN)

- Parkinson's Disease - Psychosis
  - Caused by low dopamine
  - Medications increasing dopamine can cause hallucinations
  - Clozapine and Quetiapine used – mechanism is serotonin (5-HT<sub>2A</sub>) receptor blockade
  - Pimavanserin 5HT<sub>2A</sub> inverse agonist
  - 2016

	5-HT <sub>2A</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>1</sub>	α
NUPLAZID™	✓	—	—	—
Seroquel®	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zyprexa®	✓	✓	✓	✓
Risperidone	✓	✓	—	✓
Clozapine	✓	✓	✓	✓

# Atypical Antipsychotics second generation

Clozapine (Clozaril)

Olanzapine (Zyprexa)

Quetiapine (Seroquel)

Aripiprazole (Abilify)

Brexpiprazole (Rexulti)

Cariprazine (Vraylar)

Asenapine (Saphris)

Risperidone (Risperdal)

Ziprasidone (Geodon)

Lurasidone (Latuda)

Paliperidone (Invega)

Iloperidone (Fanapt)



Best choice



Worst choice

### SEDATION

Aripiprazole  
Iloperidone  
Lurasidone  
Paliperidone  
Risperidone  
Ziprasidone  
Asenapine  
Olanzapine  
Clozapine  
Quetiapine

### WEIGHT GAIN

Aripiprazole  
Lurasidone  
Ziprasidone  
Asenapine  
Iloperidone  
Paliperidone  
Risperidone  
Quetiapine  
Clozapine  
Olanzapine

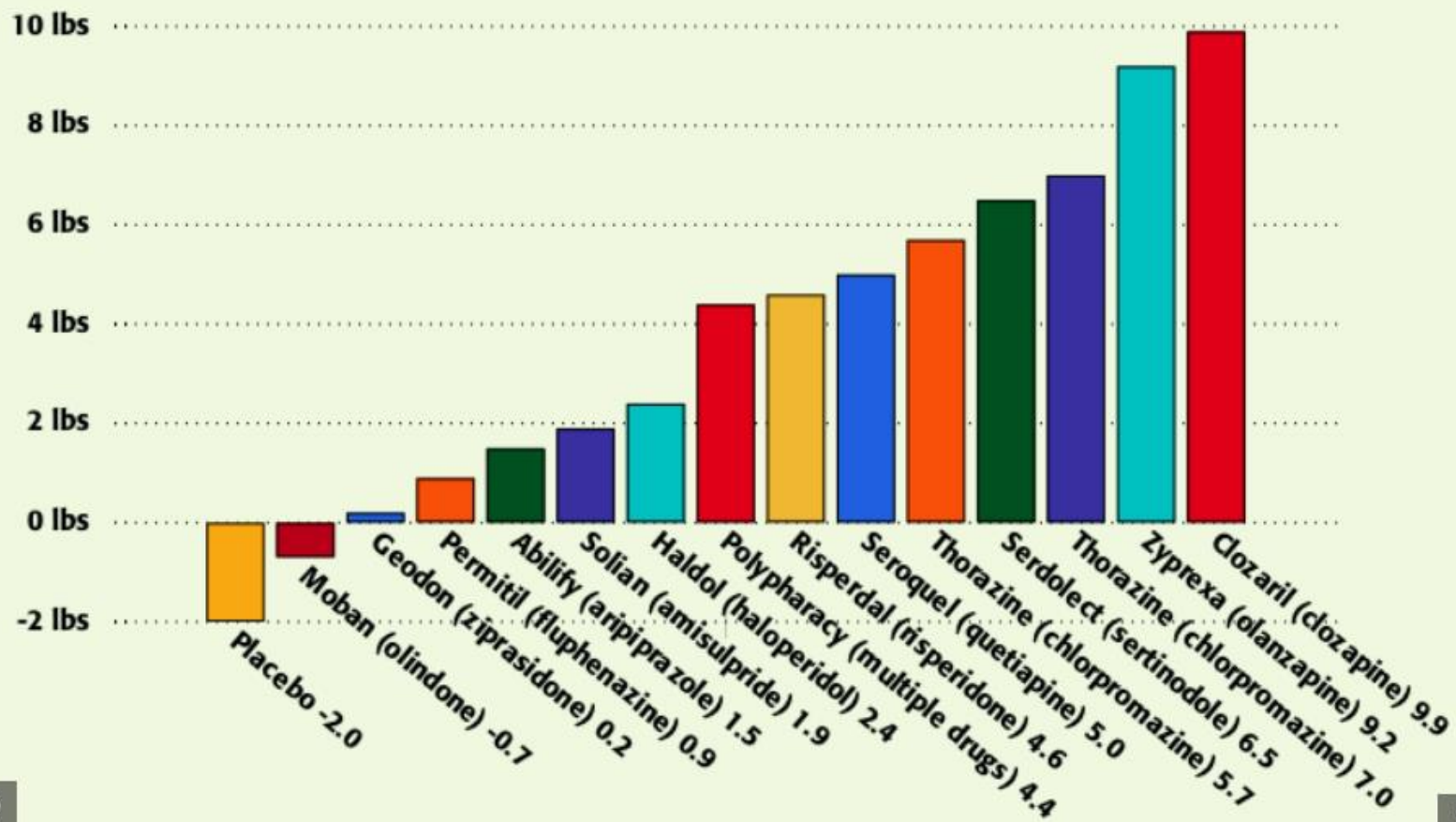
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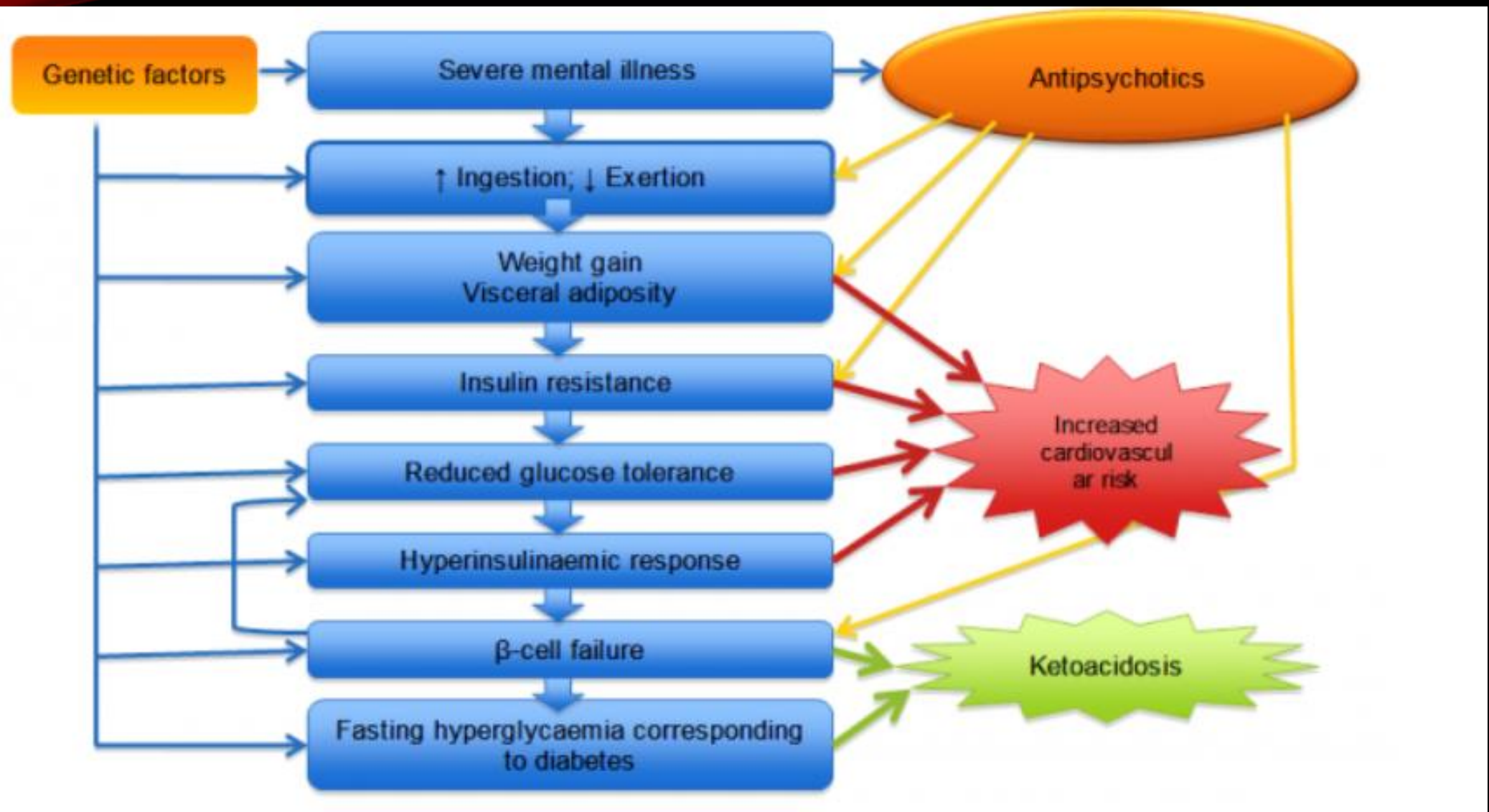
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Lurasidone  
Olanzapine  
Ziprasidone  
Paliperidone  
Risperidone



## Weight Gain from Antipsychotic Drugs after 2.5 Months

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# Extrapyramidal Symptoms

<b>Reaction</b>	<b>Onset</b>	<b>Features</b>
Acute dystonia	Hours to 5 days	Spasm of tongue, neck, face & back
Parkinsonism	5 – 30 days	Tremor, shuffling gait, drooling, stooped posture, instability
Akathisia	5 – 60 days	Compulsive, repetitive motions; agitation
Tarditive dyskinesia	Months to years	Lip-smacking, worm-like tongue movement, 'fly-catching'

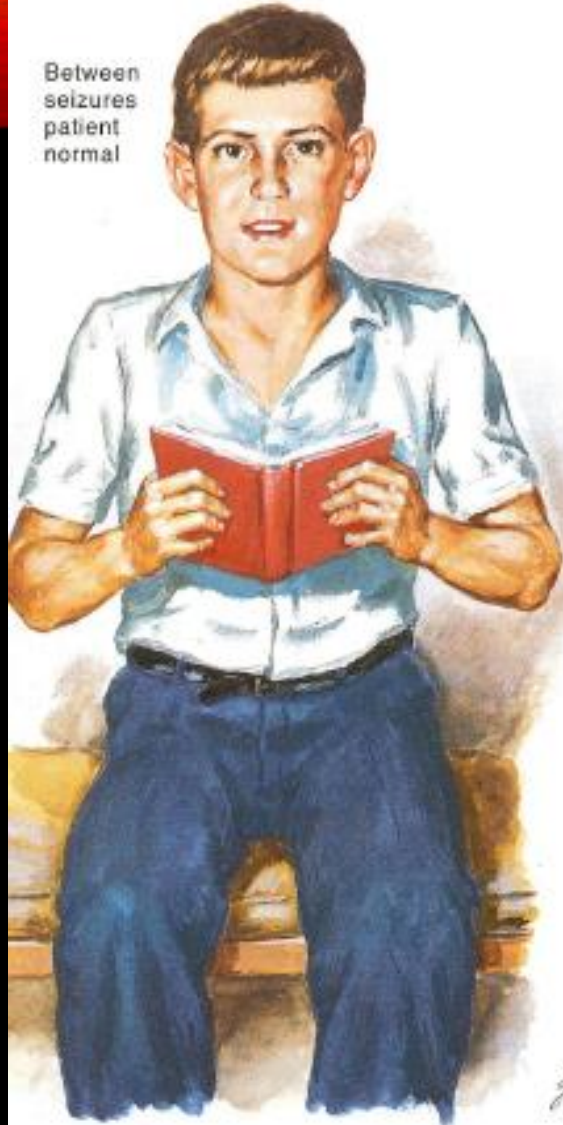


# Epilepsy

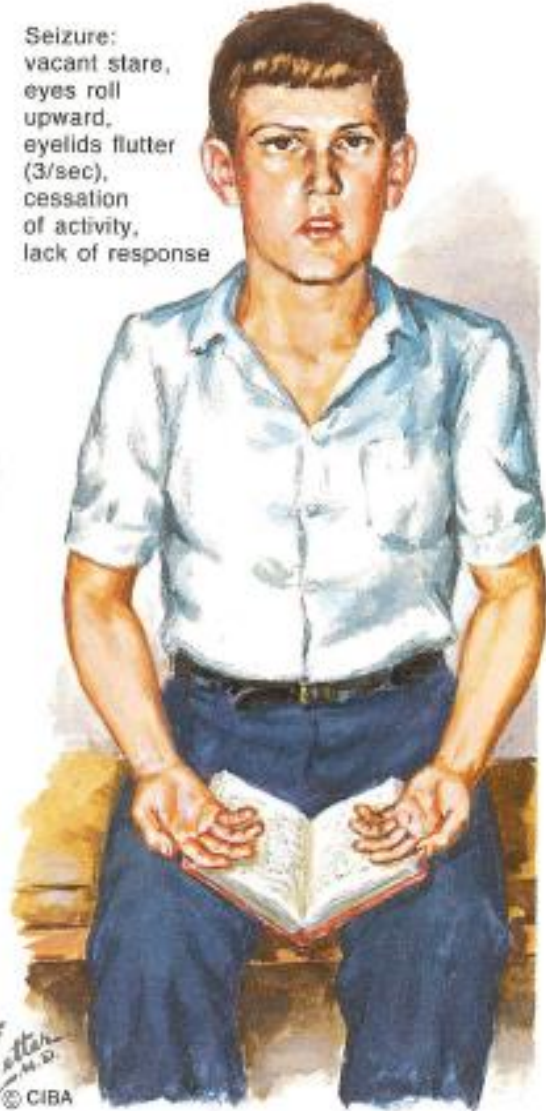


## Absence (Petit Mal) Seizures

Between seizures patient normal



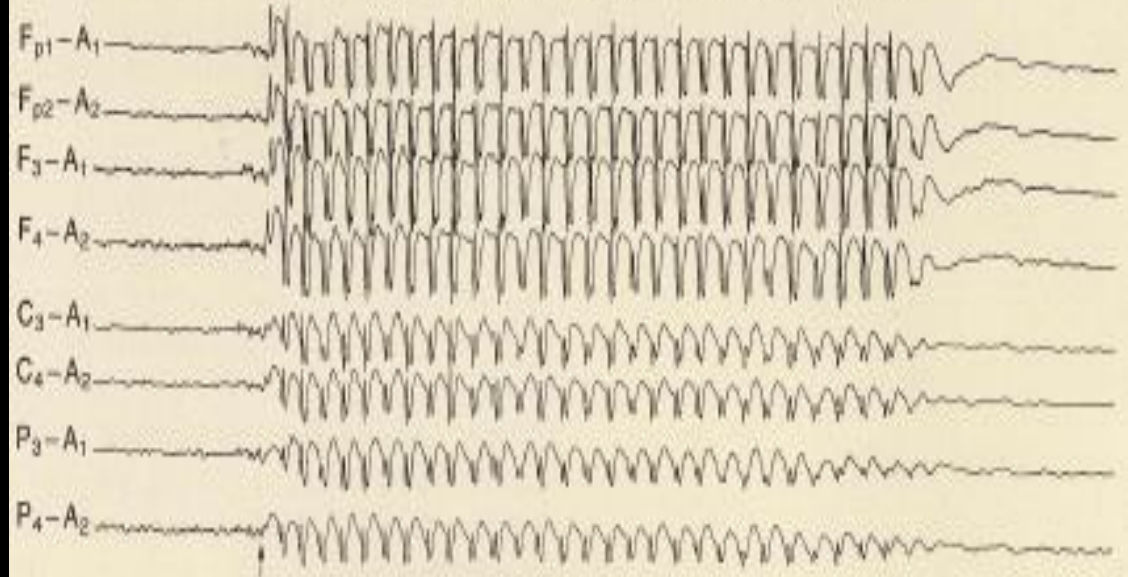
Seizure: vacant stare, eyes roll upward, eyelids flutter (3/sec), cessation of activity, lack of response



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EEG normal  
between seizures

Absence seizure  
(3/sec generalized spike-and-wave discharges)



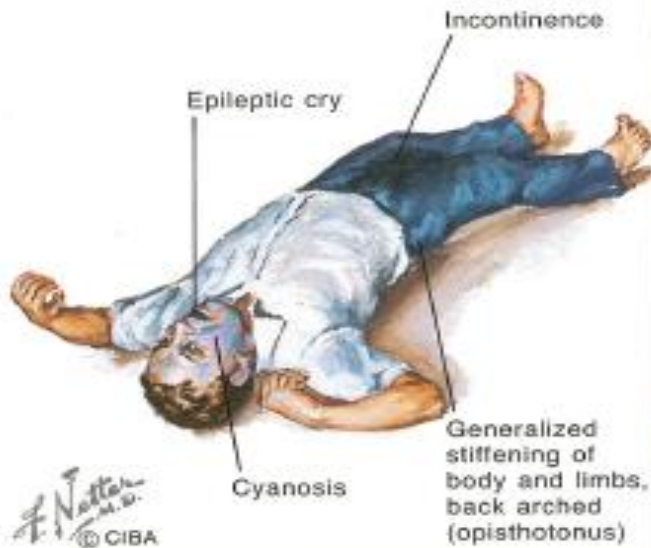
Patient is unresponsive, blinks eyes

200  $\mu$ V  
1 sec

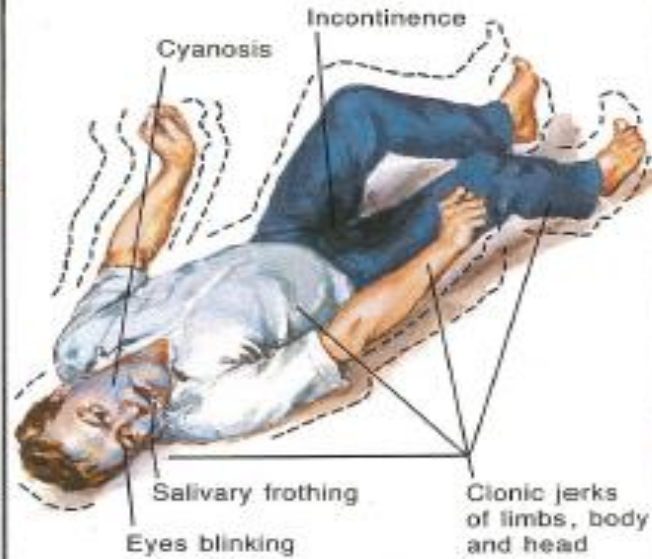


## Generalized Tonic-Clonic Seizures

### A. Tonic phase



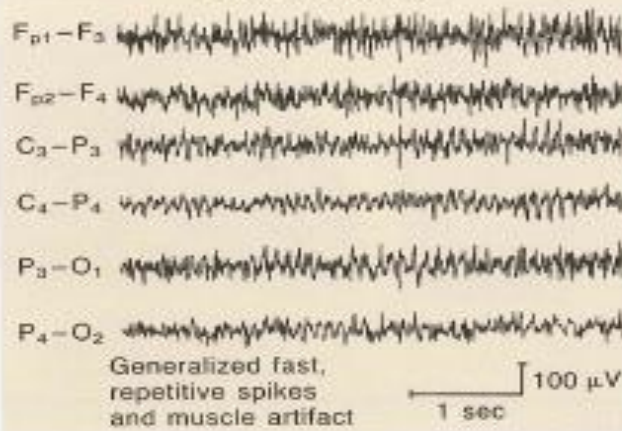
### B. Clonic phase



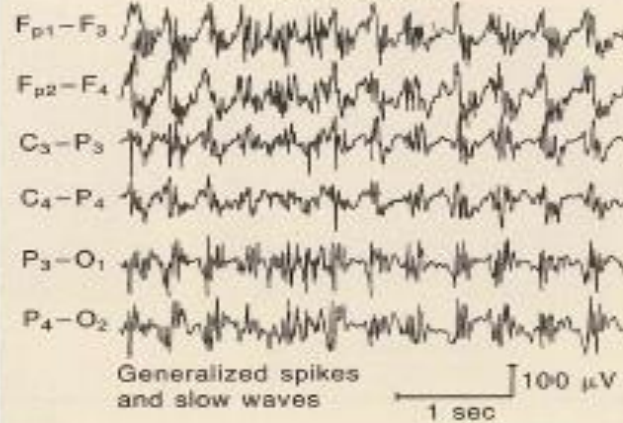
### C. Postictal stupor



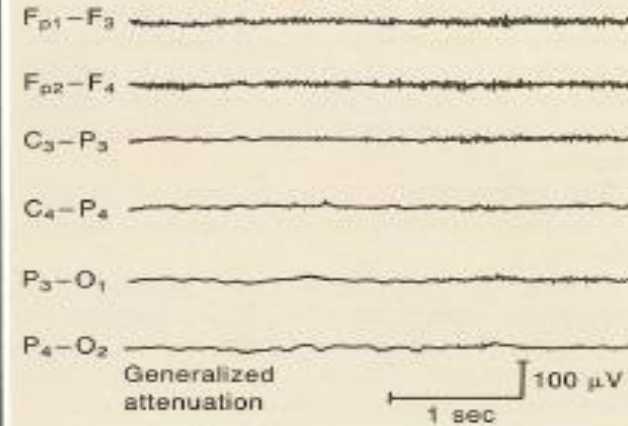
#### EEG: tonic phase



#### EEG: clonic phase



#### EEG: postictal



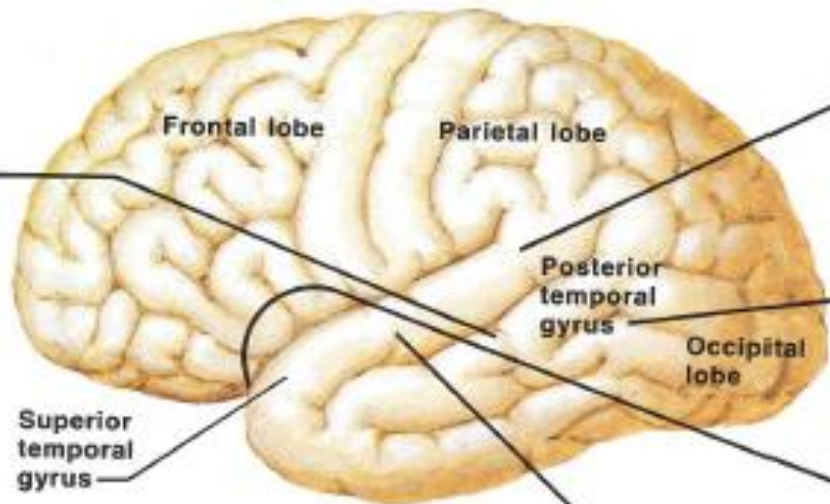


Impairment of consciousness:  
cognitive, affective symptoms



Dreamy state; blank, vacant  
expression; déjà vu; jamais  
vu; or fear

### Complex Partial Seizures



Formed auditory  
hallucinations. Hears  
music, etc



Formed visual hallucinations. Sees  
house, trees that are not there



Bad or  
unusual  
smell

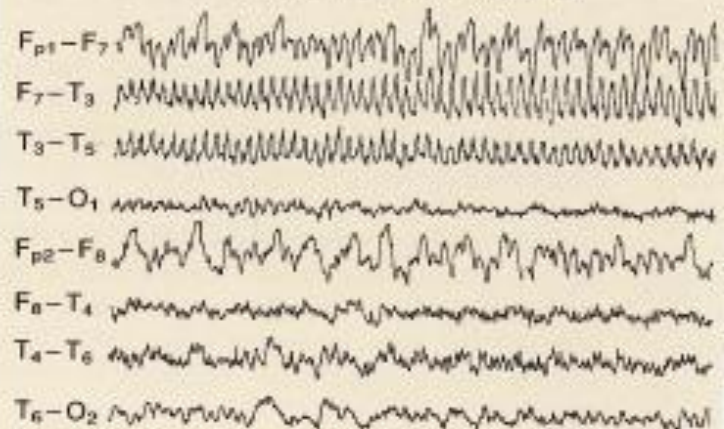
Olfactory hallucinations

Psychomotor  
phenomena. Chewing  
movements,  
wetting lips,  
automatisms  
(picking at  
clothing)



Dysphasia

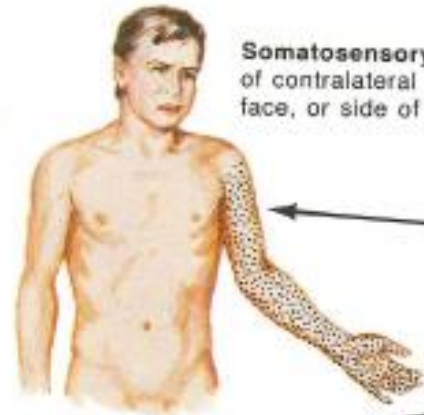
#### EEG: left temporal lobe seizure



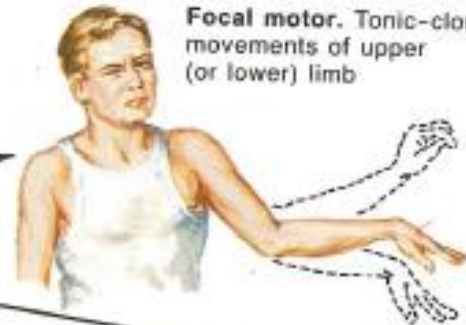
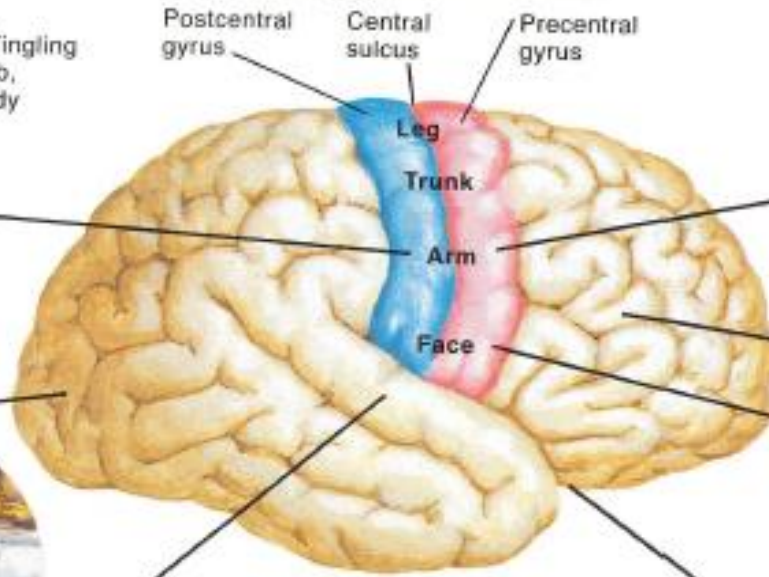
Repetitive sharp waves over left temporal region



### Simple Partial Seizures



**Somatosensory.** Tingling of contralateral limb, face, or side of body



**Focal motor.** Tonic-clonic movements of upper (or lower) limb



**Visual.** Sees flashes of light, scotomas, unilateral or bilateral blurring



**Auditory.** Hears ringing, hissing or noises

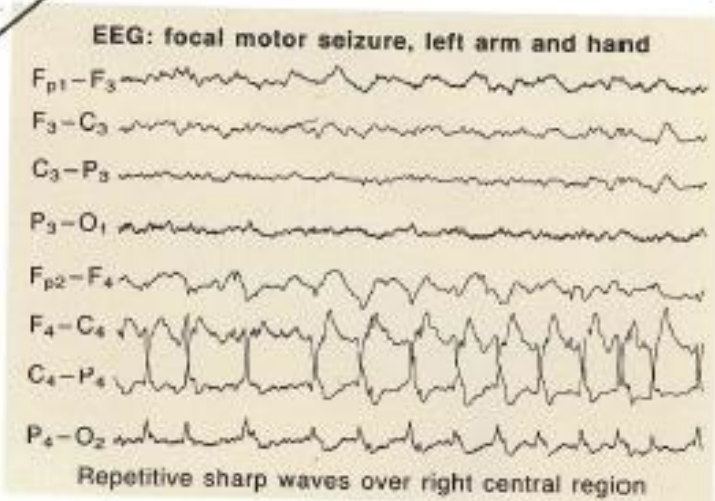


**Grimacing**

**Contraversive:** head and eyes turned to opposite side



**Autonomic.** Sweating, flushing or pallor, and/or epigastric sensations




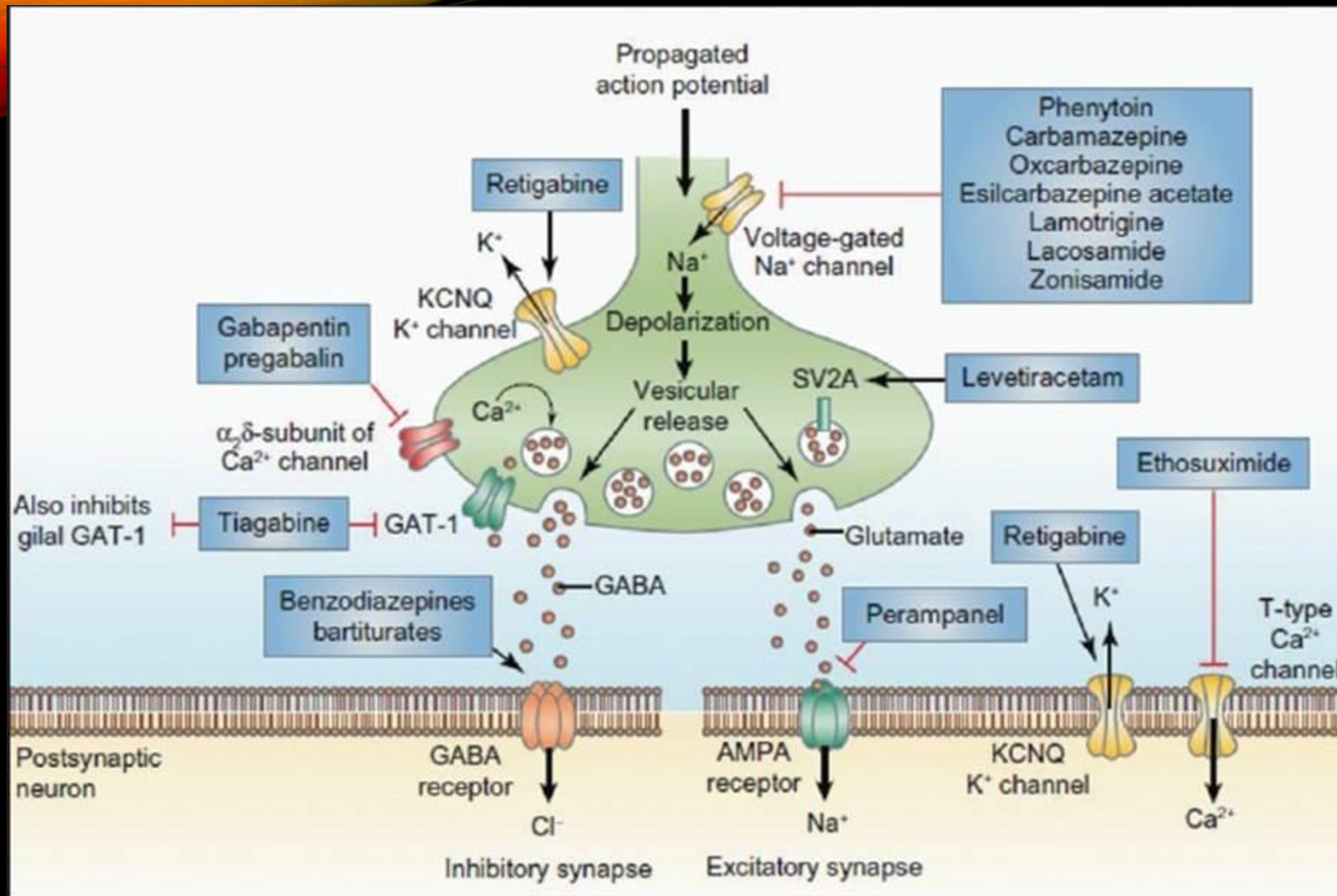
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- 1857- Bromides
- 1912-Phenobarbital
- 1938-Phenytoin  
(Dilantin)
- 1954- Primidone
- 1960- Ethosuximide  
(Zarontin)
- 1974-Carbamazepine  
(Tegretol)
- 1975 Clonazepam  
(Klonopin)
- 1978- Valproate  
(Depakote)



- 1993- Felbamate (Felbatol)
- 1993- Gabapentin (Neurontin)
- 1995-Lamotrigine (Lamictal)
- 1997-Topiramate (Topamax)  
Tiagabine (Gabitril)
- 1999- Levetiracetam (Keppra)
- 2000- Oxcarbazepine (Trileptal)
- 2000-Zonisamide (Zonegran)
- 2005- Pregabalin (Lyrica)
- 2009- Lacosamide (Vimpat)
- 2009- Rufinamide (Banzel)
- 2010-ACTH (Acthar)
- 2011- Clobazam (Onfi)
- 2012 – Ezogabine (Potiga)
- 2012-Perampanel (Fycompa)
- 2013-Oxcarbazepine (Oxtellar XR)

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- Vigabatrin (Sabril) 2009
  - Topiramate (Topamax XR) 2013
  - Eslicarbazepine (Aptiom) 2014
  - Brivaracetam (Briviact) 2016





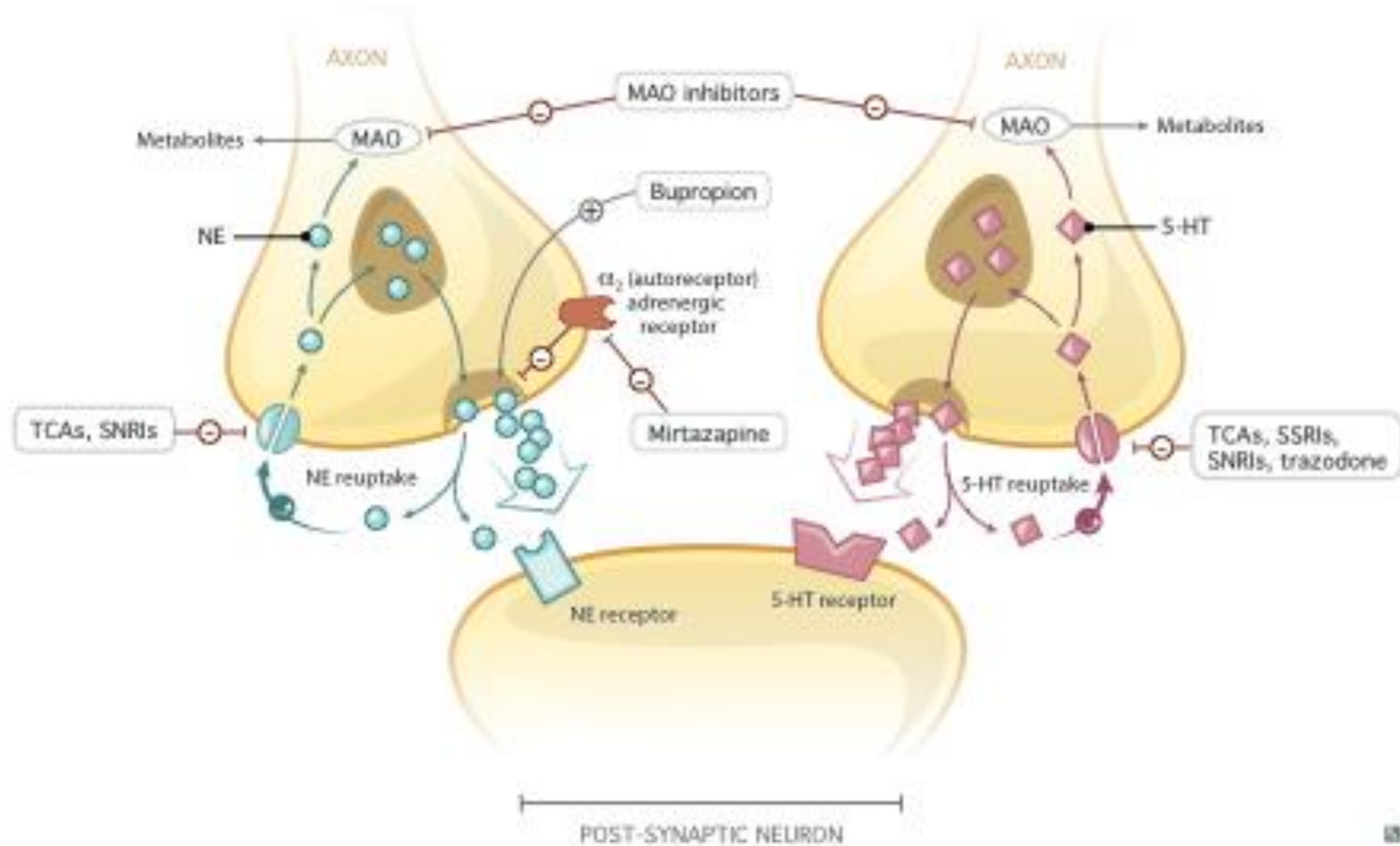
# ANTIDEPRESSANTS

Mechanisms, differences, uses,



## NORADRENERGIC

## SEROTONERGIC



## Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs)

- Citalopram (Celexa)
- Escitalopram (Lexapro, Cipralex)
- Paroxetine (Paxil, Seroxat)
- Fluoxetine (Prozac)
- Fluvoxamine (Luvox)
- Sertraline (Zoloft, Lustral)



## Serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs)

- Desvenlafaxine (Pristiq)
- Duloxetine (Cymbalta)
- Levomilnacipran (Fetzima)
- Milnacipran (Ixel, Savella)
- Tofenacin (Elamol, Tofacine)
- Venlafaxine (Effexor)

## Serotonin modulators and stimulators (SMSs)

- Vilazodone (Viibryd)
- Vortioxetine (Trintellix)

# VORTIOXETINE



- serotonin modulator and stimulator
- September 30, 2013, the Food and Drug Administration approved (Brintillex)
- to avoid confusion with the blood-thinning medication **Brilinta** in the United States, but on May 2, 2016, the US FDA approved a name change to **Trintellix**



## Serotonin antagonists and reuptake inhibitors (SARIs)

- Reboxetine (Edronax)
- Viloxazine (Vivalan)
- Atomoxetine (Strattera)

## Tetracyclic antidepressants (TeCAs)

- Amoxapine (Asendin)
- Maprotiline (Ludiomil)
- Mianserin (Bolvidon, Norval, Tolvon)
- Mirtazapine (Remeron)
- Setiptiline (Tecipul)

## Tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs)

- Amitriptyline (Elavil, Endep)
- Amitriptylinoxide (Amioxid, Ambivalon, Equilibrin)
- Clomipramine (Anafranil)
- Desipramine (Norpramin, Pertofrane)
- Dibenzepin (Noveril, Victoril)
- Dimetacrine (Istonil)
- Dosulepin (Prothiaden)
- Doxepin (Adapin, Sinequan)
- Imipramine (Tofranil)
- Lofepramine (Lomont, Gamanil)
- Melitracen (Dixeran, Melixeran, Trausabun)
- Nitroxazepine (Sintamil)
- Nortriptyline (Pamelor, Aventyl)
- Noxiptiline (Agedal, Elronon, Nogedal)
- Pipofezine (Azafen/Azaphen)
- Protriptyline (Vivactil)
- Trimipramine (Surmontil)



# Atypical antipsychotics

- Aripiprazole (Abilify) – specifically approved as an **adjunct** for major depressive disorder
- Brexipiprazole (Rexulti) – specifically approved as an adjunct for major depressive disorder
- Lurasidone (Latuda) – specifically approved as an adjunct for depressive episodes in bipolar disorder
- Olanzapine (Zyprexa) – specifically approved as an adjunct for major depressive disorder
- Quetiapine (Seroquel) – approved as an adjunct for both major depressive disorder and depressive episodes in bipolar disorder

# MAJOR DEPRESSIVE DISORDER

- Which is the best?
- Individualizing effects and side effects

## Selecting Medication

**Many safe, efficacious, inexpensive medications are available**

- SSRIs and SNRIs are first line; SSRIs are most commonly used; some SSRIs are approved for anxiety disorders
- Many generic formulations available; no absolute class advantage
- Little data to guide selection of medication for individual patients
- Medications differ mainly in adverse effect profiles

# Additional Considerations

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- Prior successful use or family history of use
- Patient concerns discussed during the clinical interview (eg, sexual adverse effects)
- Breast-feeding: consult LactMed<sup>®</sup>

## Specific recommendations

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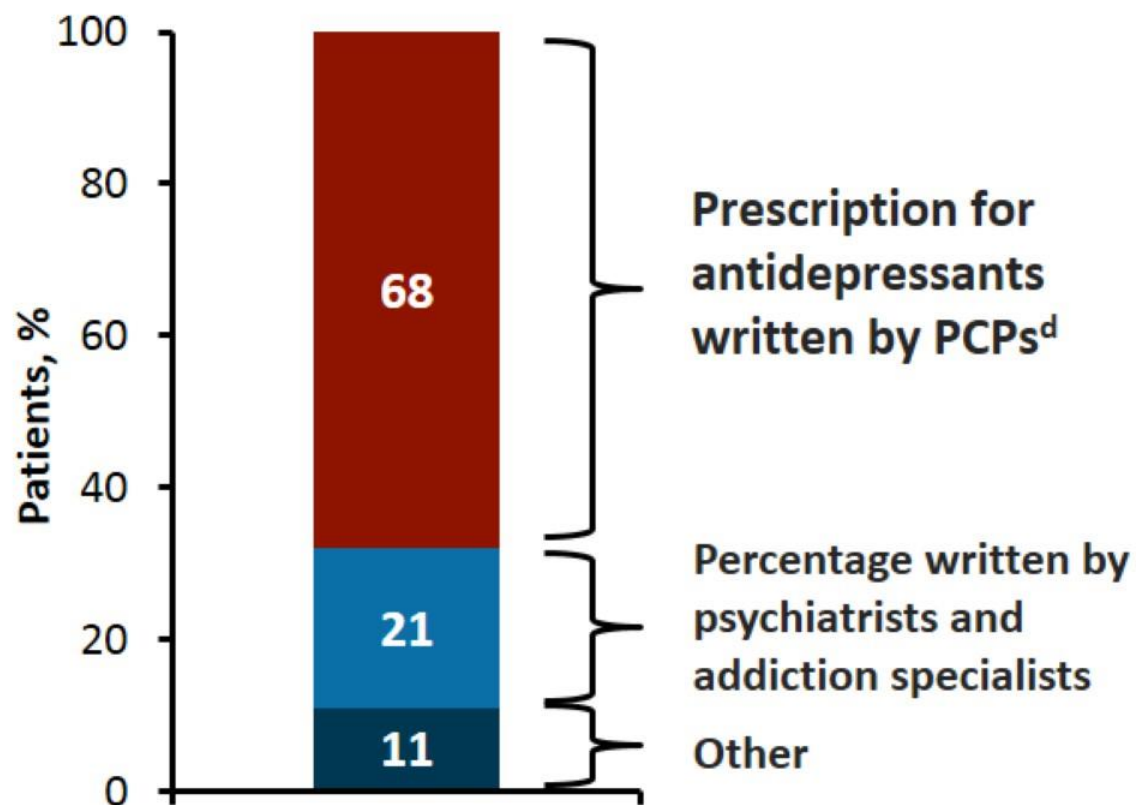
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# MDD Treatment in Primary Care

PCPs manage approximately one-third to one-half of nonelderly adults<sup>a,b</sup> and nearly two-thirds of older adults<sup>c</sup> who receive treatment for MDD.

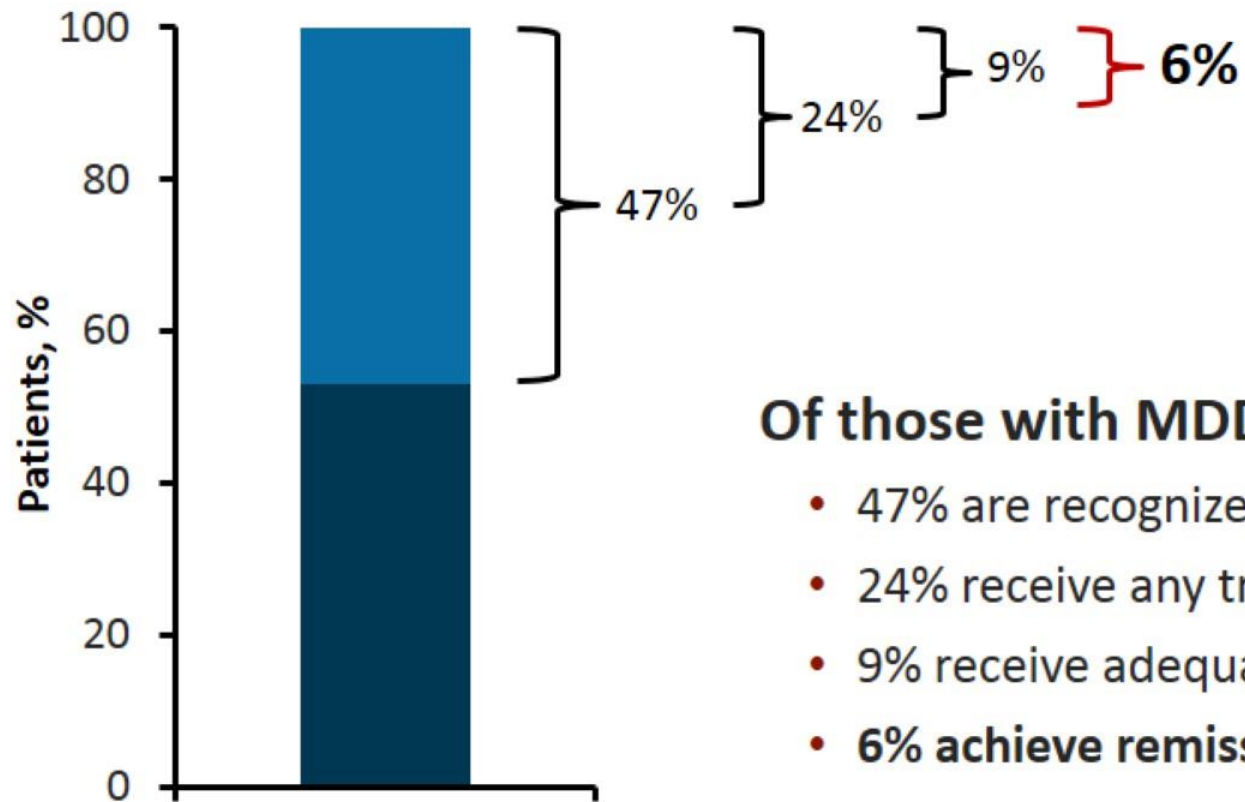


*PCPs include pediatricians, obstetrician/gynecologists, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners.*

a. Kessler RC, et al. *JAMA*. 2003;289:3095-3105<sup>[2]</sup>; b. Pincus HA, et al. *JAMA*. 1998;279:526-531<sup>[3]</sup>; c. Harman JS, et al. *J Gen Intern Med*. 2006;21:926-930<sup>[4]</sup>; d. Mark TL, et al. *Psychiatr Serv*. 2009;60:1167.<sup>[5]</sup>

# Undertreatment of Patients With MDD

12.5% of primary care patients have had MDD in the past year



## Of those with MDD

- 47% are recognized clinically
- 24% receive any treatment
- 9% receive adequate treatment
- **6% achieve remission of symptoms**

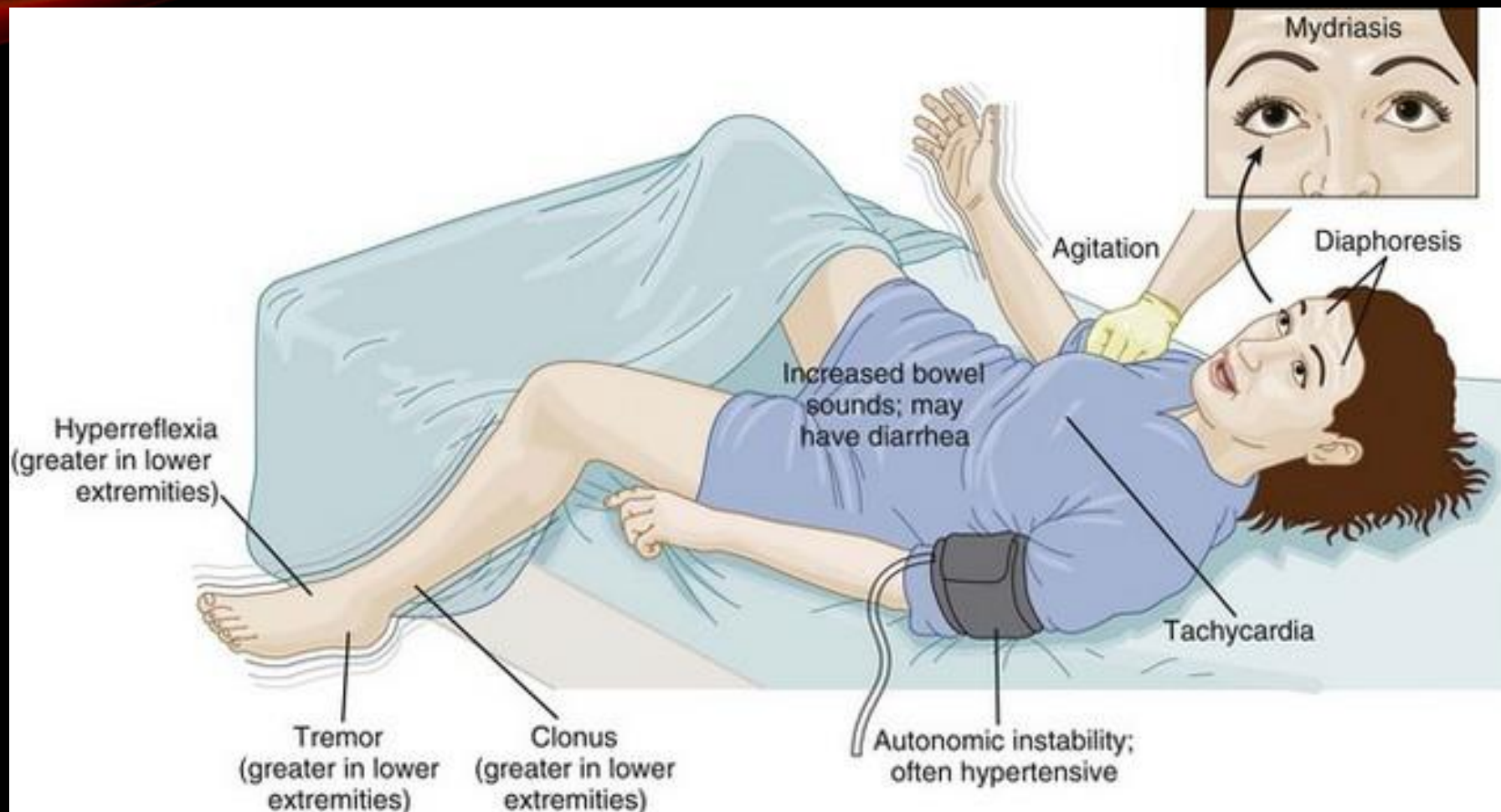




# ALTERED MENTAL STATUS + ELEVATED TEMPERATURE

IN ADDITION TO SEPSIS, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING  
(CULPRIT IS OFTEN POLYPHARMACY)

	EXPOSURE	MUSCLE TONE	MUCOSA & SKIN	PUPILS	BOWEL SOUNDS	REFLEXES
<b>NEUROLEPTIC MALIGNANT SYNDROME</b>	ANTIPSYCHOTICS	RIGID	WET	NORMAL	↔	BRADYREFLEXIA
<b>SEROTONIN SYNDROME</b>	SEROTONERGICS (antidepressants, fentanyl, linezolid, sumatriptan, ondansetron)	RIGID	WET	↑	↑	↑
<b>ANTICHOLINERGIC TOXIDROME</b>	ANTICHOLINERGICS	NORMAL	DRY	↑	↓	NORMAL
<b>MALIGNANT HYPERTHERMIA</b>	INHALED ANESTHETICS SUCCINYLCHOLINE	RIGID	WET	NORMAL	↓	↓



# Are they really new?

## PATENT EXTENSION

- Long acting
- Chiral change
- New route (nasal)
- New indication (age, disease)
- Combinations
  
- Slightly change chemical

