

Week 5 clinical pearls and rationales

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- SSRIs are first line treatment for depression . Stahl Ch. 7
- sexual dysfunction is common with SSRIs . Stahl Ch. 7
- Rapid cycling is a minimum of 4 episodes/year. Stahl Ch 6, Figure 6.6
- the goal of antidepressant treatment is *complete remission of symptoms*. Stahl p.285
- serotonin is associated with GI side effects due to the presence of 90% of 5HT receptors in the GI tract . See lecture- clinical pearls
- escitalopram is considered the best tolerated SSRI with the fewest CYP interactions. Stahl Ch 7 p.300
- Lithium levels can be increased by NSAIDs and ACE inhibitors, decreased by caffeine and mania, and unchanged by amiloride, furosemide, and sulindac. lecture- clinical pearls
- Lithium is effective treatment for manic episodes, to prevent reoccurrence and to a lower degree is effective in depressive episodes.
- Lamotrigine is well tolerated except for the propensity to cause a rash. Stahl p.376
- monoamine neurotransmitters are norepinephrine, dopamine and