



Continuing Education Questionnaire

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“Psychopharmacologic Approaches to Attention, Alertness, and Initiation after Brain Injury”

1. People with brain injury are more susceptible to the cognitive side effects of medications.?

True

False

2. Choose the best answer: It is generally best

A. to start a new medication that may enhance cognition before withdrawing a medication that may be causing cognitive impairment.

B. to withdraw a medication that may be causing cognitive impairment before starting a new medication that may enhance cognition.

C. to simultaneously withdraw a medication that may be causing cognitive impairment and start a new medication that may enhance cognition.

3. For patients with brain injury,

A. it is generally best to start a medication at a low dose and keep it at that dose until there is a therapeutic effect.

B. it is generally best to start a medication at a high dose and keep it at that dose until there is a therapeutic effect.

C. it is generally best to start a medication at a low dose and gradually increase the dose until there is a therapeutic effect or the maximum dose for the is reached.

4. For a patient that has a disorder of attention, the best approach is

A. to evaluate the patient to determine the underlying cause of the attentional disorder, then treat the underlying cause.

B. to start a medication that may improve attention.

C. to start a medication that will help the patient to sleep well.

5. A person with a brain injury becomes more confused. Among the first things to do would be:

A. to get a urinalysis and urine culture.

B. to start a drug like methylphenidate.

C. to order a sleep study.



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6. A patient 4 weeks after a traumatic brain injury stops initiating conversation and stops making requests. The possible causes include

- A. electrolyte imbalance
- B. infection
- C. hydrocephalus
- D. all of the above

7. Which of the following medications has the best evidence for efficacy for the treatment of attentional disorders caused by traumatic brain injury?.

- A. amantadine
- B. methylphenidate
- C. atomoxetine
- D. modafinil

8. Daytime sleepiness can contribute to agitated or aggressive behavior in a person with brain injury?

- True
- False

9. Among the following drugs, which is most likely to cause cognitive impairment?

- A. topiramate
- B. leviteracetam
- C. gabapentin
- D. methylphenidate

10. Using drugs “off-label”

- A. is usually illegal
- B. is usually immoral
- C. can be beneficial
- D. both A and B