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Antipsychotic Drugs† (Department of Pharmacology Zhang Yan-mei !
 General View† The most important types of psychosis are:
 Schizophrenia Affective disorders (e.g. depression, mania) Organic psychoses (mental disturbances
 caused by head injury, alcoholism, or other kinds of organic disease). 8+ +
 1_r^ General View† L_r^Classification: anti-schizophrenic drugs (antipsychotic drugs or
 neuroleptics), antimanic drug, antidepressants or antianxiolytics. Pharmacologically, they are
 characterised as dopamine receptor antagonists, though many of them also act on other targets,
 particularly 5-HT receptors, which may contribute to their clinical efficacy. *M_r(1^&1_1

1^ PA_r^L_r^r_r^▲_r_r The Nature of Schizophrenia† J_r^Psychotic illness
 characterised by hallucinations, delusions and thought disorder (positive symptoms), together with
 social withdrawal and flattening of emotional responses (negative symptoms). Acute episodes (mainly
 positive symptoms) frequently recur and develop into chronic schizophrenia, with predominantly
 negative symptoms. K_r^K_r^L_r^ ,_r The Nature of
 Schizophrenia† Incidence is about 1% of population, with a strong, but not invariable,
 hereditary component. Pharmacological evidence is generally consistent with dopamine overactivity
 hypothesis, but most neurochemical evidence is negative or equivocal. Increase in dopamine receptors
 in limbic system (especially in left hemisphere) is consistently found. There is some evidence for
 involvement of 5-HT, and possibly other mediators, such as glutamate. Z_r^ ,

%Classification of Antipsychotic drugs† I_r^Main categories are:
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* rrr-rrr Thioxanthenes VChlorprothixene: mild antipsychotic action, and antianxiety and antidepressant action.

rrr Butyrophenones]Haloperidol: control psychomotor excitement. Adverse effects: severe extrapyramidal symptoms. Errr

Others† Clozapine: (1) be effective in treating some patients with psychosis unresponsive to standard neuroleptic drug. (2) blocks D4 receptor and have low affinity for D1 and D2 dopamine receptors. (3) lacks extrapyramidal side effects. (4) must monitor the granulocyte counts weekly.

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Drugs† (rAntipsychotic drugs are effective in controlling symptoms of acute schizophrenia, when large doses may be needed. Long-term antipsychotic treatment is often effective in preventing recurrence of schizophrenic attacks, and is a major factor in allowing schizophrenic patients to lead normal lives.)r)rrr (Clinical Efficacy of Antipsychotic

Drugs† Depot preparations are often used for maintenance therapy. Antipsychotic drugs are not generally effective in improving negative schizophrenic symptoms. Approximately 40% of chronic schizophrenic patients are poorly controlled by antipsychotic drugs; clozapine may be effective in some of these ↑ antipsychotic-resistant† cases. Hrrrrr D Mood

altering drug N`. Mood-stabilizing: lithium carbonate *(LGrrr(†% (†† ZrAdverse effects: Nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Tremor. Renal effect: polyuria (with resulting thirst) Various neurological effects, progressing from confusion and motor impairment, to coma, convulsion and death. k& narrow therapeutic limit for the plasma means the monitoring is essential.

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inhibitors: Atypical antidepressant: phenelzine rr 4 rru rrrrr imipramine RrMechanism: block the amines (NE and 5-HT).

Pharmacologic effects: (1) CNS: a nondepressed person experiences sleeping. In the depressed patient, an elevation of mood occurs 2-3 weeks after administration begins. (2) autonomic nervous system: anticholinergic effects. (3) cardiovascular effects: orthostatic hypotension and arrhythmias. JCrPrrP Lr"rrr Lr†rrr ,Or P Therapeutic

uses († (1) Treatment of severe endogenous depression (characterized by regression and inactivity). (2) Treatment of enuresis. (3) Treatment of obsessive-compulsive neurosis accompanied by depression, and phobic-anxiety syndromes, chronic pain and neuralgia.

Z Fluoxetine Mechanism of action: (1) is a selective inhibitor of serotonin uptake in the CNS. (2) has little effect on central norepinephrine

