A Clinical Practice Assessment In Tardive Dyskinesia: Are Physicians Up-to-Date?

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OBJECTIVES

- To examine the level of awareness about TD epidemiology, risk factors, diagnosis, current guideline-based management, and new/emerging treatments
- To determine the extent of TD-related guideline-based care and their understanding of guideline-based management and new/emerging treatments
- To assess education needs.

METHODS

- A 28-item web-based clinical practice assessment survey instrument was prepared by Medscape, Inc
- The survey instrument was administered online on a dedicated website
- The data were de-identified and aggregated prior to analysis

RESULTS

- The prevalence of tardive dyskinesia (TD) is currently estimated at 13,000 patients in the US, with development of TD occurring in 20% to 60% of patients taking neuroleptics
- Due to the substantial effect of TD on quality of life and its potential irreversible nature, it is imperative for clinicians to appropriately diagnose and manage TD. The goal of this study was to assess physicians’ current knowledge, skills, competence, and understanding of TD and assess educational needs.

CONCLUSION

This educational research yielded important insights into clinical practice gaps in TD, indicating that both psychiatrists and neurologists would benefit from continuing medical education on epidemiology, risk factors, diagnosis, guideline-based care, and information on how to incorporate new/emerging treatments for TD into practice.

REFERENCE


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