

## Antipsychotic Polypharmacy, Part 2: Tips on Use and Misuse

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**Issue:** *Antipsychotic polypharmacy is common in clinical practice, but has not been adequately studied.*

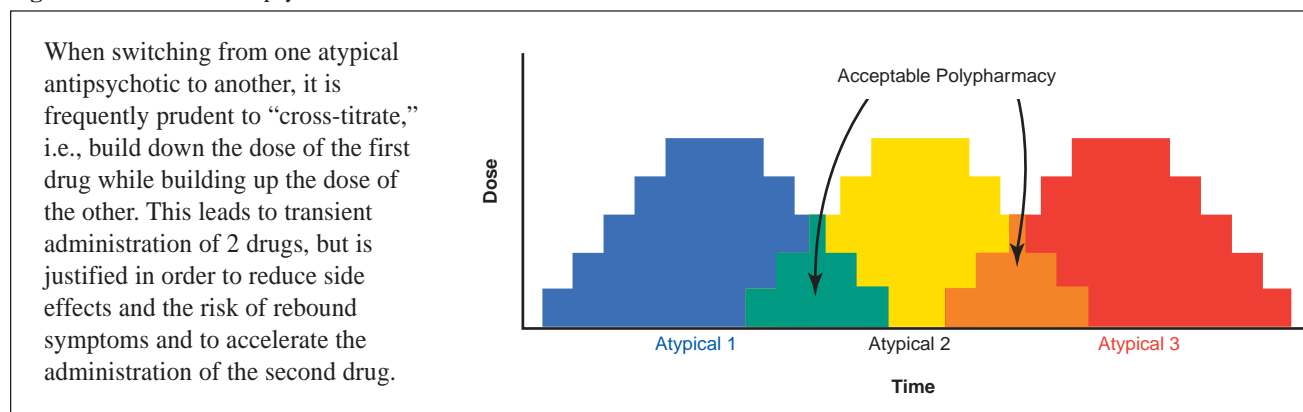
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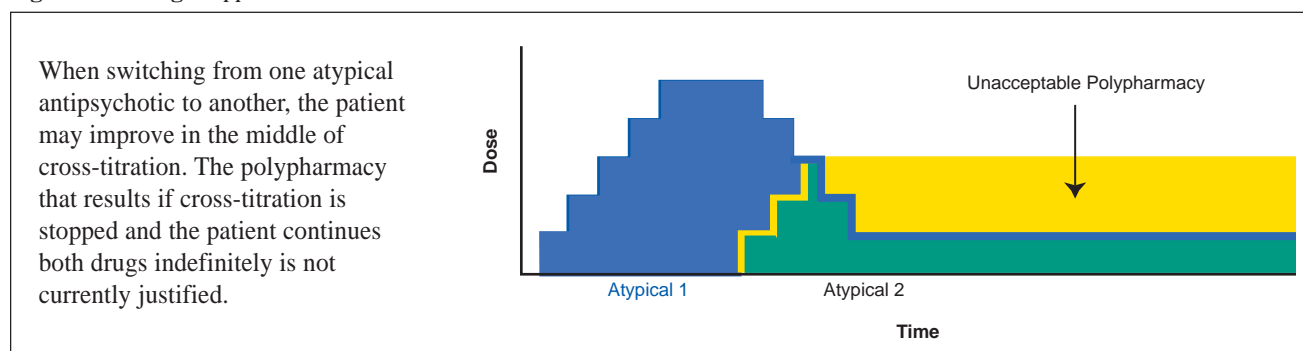
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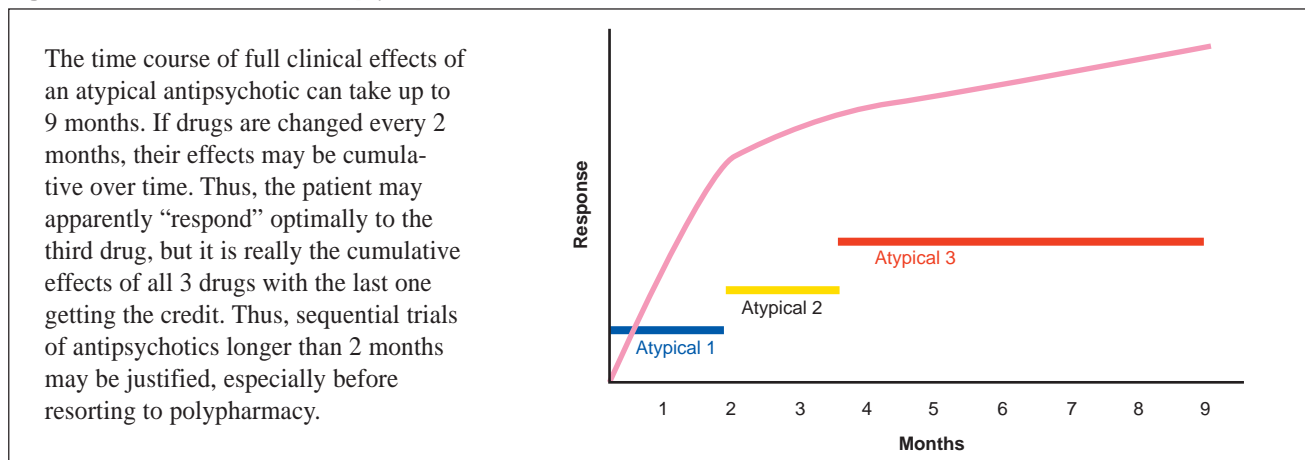
**Figure 1. First-Line Antipsychotic Use**



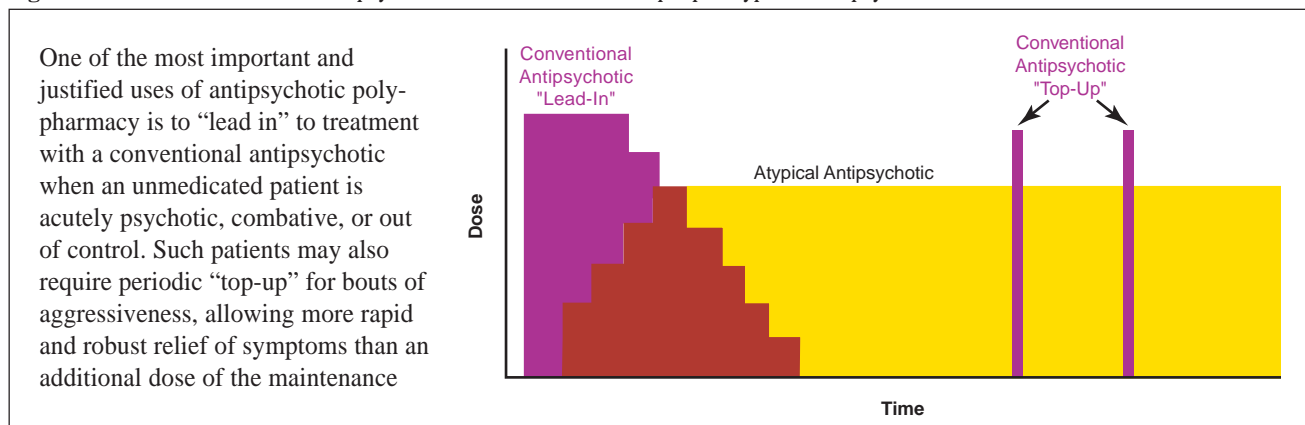
**Figure 2. Getting Trapped in Cross-Titration**



**Figure 3. Time Course of Full Antipsychotic Effects: Who Gets the Credit?**



**Figure 4. Use of Conventional Antipsychotics to “Lead In” or “Top Up” Atypical Antipsychotics**



**Figure 5. When All Else Fails**

