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> How to use screening tools and make a diagnosis? First line treatment and interventions Monitor, follow up, and when to refer











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### Case - Dawson 13 yo M

- CC: Behavior concerns
- HPI: Mom concerned about increasing behaviors at school and frequent calls from school for the past 6 months
  - · Altercations with students
  - Stealing from cafeteria
  - Talking in class
  - Argumentative and disrespectful (home, school, church)
  - Rough with younger sibling
  - Fidgety, can't sit still, reports fidgeting calms his anxiety
  - Failing multiple classes













# ADHD: How to use screening tools and make a diagnosis

- Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is one of the most common neurodevelopmental disorder which affects 5%-10% of school-age children
- ADHD entails a pattern of inattention and/or hyperactivity/impulsivity that compromises the child's academic or social functioning
- Several symptoms are present before the age of 12 years
- Several symptoms are present in two or more settings











# ADHD: How to use screening tools and make a diagnosis

- ADHD is frequently comorbid with other psychiatric disorders
- 54%-84% of children and adolescents with ADHD may meet criteria for oppositional defiant disorder (ODD)
- 15%-19% of patients with ADHD will develop substance use disorders
- $\bullet$  25%-35% of patients with ADHD will have a coexisting learning or language problem
- $\bullet$  Up to 1/3 of patients with ADHD will suffer from an anxiety disorder











# ADHD: How to use screening tools and make a diagnosis

- Screening for ADHD should be part of every patient's mental health assessment
- Clinician should screen for ADHD by specifically asking questions regarding the major symptom domains of ADHD (inattention, hyperactivity, impulsivity) and if such symptoms cause impairment



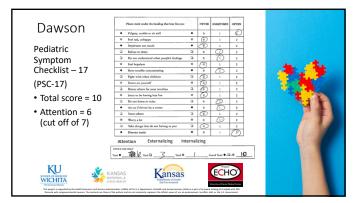


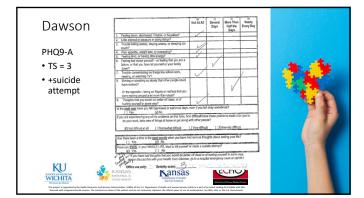






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# ADHD: How to use screening tools and make a diagnosis

- Evaluation of the preschooler, child, or adolescent for ADHD should consist of:
  - Detailed clinical interviews with the parent and patient about DSM ADHD symptoms (must have at least 6 of 9 of the inattention cluster and/or at least 6 of 9 of hyperactive/impulsive criteria), duration (6 months), onset
  - Obtaining information about the patient's school or day care functioning
  - Evaluation of comorbid psychiatric disorders
  - 4. Review of the patient's medical, social, and family histories











# ADHD: How to use screening tools and make a diagnosis

- The parent and often the teacher should complete one of the many standardized behavior rating scales
- $\bullet$  Rating scales can be used in the assessment of ADHD and monitoring of treatments
- also tap into other common comorbid psychiatric conditions



# ADHD: How to use screening tools and make a diagnosis

- Scales in common use are:
  - Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL)
    - parent-completed
    - teacher-completed form
  - ${}^{\textstyle \cdot}$  Conners Parent Rating Scale-Revised (CPRS-R)
  - Conners Teacher Rating Scale-Revised (CTRS-R)
  - Swanson, Nolan, and Pelham (SNAP-IV) which also screens for other DSM diagnoses
  - Vanderbilt ADHD Diagnostic Parent and Teacher Scales which also screens for comorbid conditions













## Dawson

Vanderbilts











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# ADHD: First line treatment and interventions • Stimulants are highly efficacious in the treatment of ADHD • The effect size of stimulant treatment relative to placebo averages 1.0 which is one of the largest effects for any psychotropic medication • Two families of stimulant medications: methylphenidate (MPH) and amphetamine (AMPH) which are equally efficacious in the treatment of ADHD • It is recommended to start a MPH product in children and adolescents since better tolerated than AMPH • Stimulants enhance dopaminergic and noradrenergic neurotransmission in the central nervous system and peripherally

# ADHD: First line treatment and interventions

- Immediate-release and long-acting formulations of MPH and amphetamine (employ delivery systems to allow a reduced number of doses per day)
- Physicians may use long-acting forms as initial treatment (single daily dosing is associated with greater convenience, compliance, and confidentiality)
- Short-acting stimulants are often used as initial treatment in small children (<16 kg in weight) for whom there are no longacting forms in a sufficiently low dose

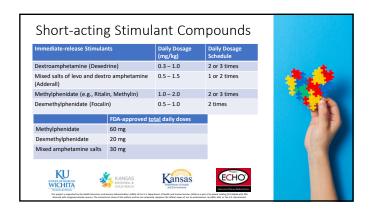


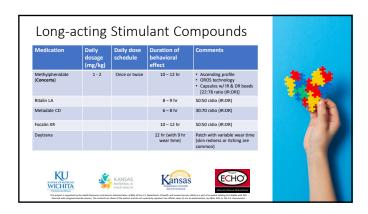


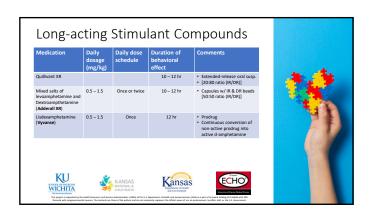


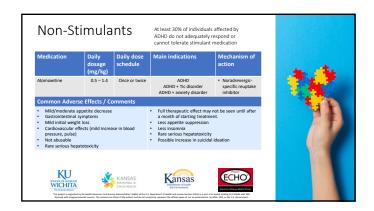


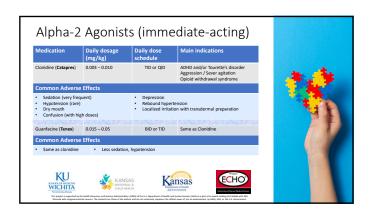


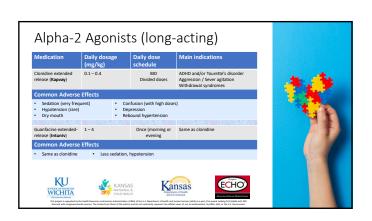












# Management of ADHD is chronic disease management

- Lifestyle management exercise, sleep, emotional health, substance use
- Medication compliance patient and family education
- Involvement of patient in review of the 'numbers'; consider using Vanderbilt scales, review school grades regularly













# Medication management considerations

- Regular follow up appointments are
  - in stable patients three monthly minimum
- $\bullet\,$  when titrating up or down monthly
- Include review of symptom control at home and school
- · Review of side effects
- Compliance, consent, and assent
- · Patient and parent information











### Common side effects

- · Appetite and weight
  - Final height and weight may be impacted
  - Consider change in formulation/drug 'holidays' to allow catch up
- · Initial insomnia
  - Dose timing
- Emotional lability as medication wears off
  - Manage by lifestyle changes











### When to refer

- Deterioration in clinical presentation without adequate
- Polypharmacy (three or more psychotropic medications may need additional evaluation by child psychiatry)
- Need for urgent evaluation/inpatient or intensive outpatient

















- Parents hesitant to treat pharmacologically
- H/o SUD in parent
- H/o syncope and heart murmur (functional)
- Are there other treatment options?













## ABC of Behavior Management

- Antecedent
- Behavior
- Consequence
- Goal- teach caregivers skills to change antecedents and consequences to ↑ positive and  $\downarrow$  negative behaviors
  - Support parenting self-efficacy

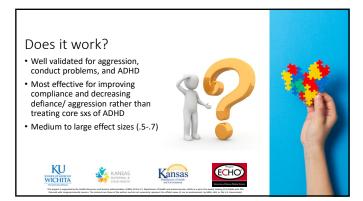












# **Build Warmth**

- Special Time: brief one-on-one time daily to build warmth in parent-child relationship
   Describe, imitate, use active listening

  - Do not ask questions or give commands

#### Praise

- Specific and labeled
- Immediate
- Genuine
- Use praise and positive attention to increase positive behavior • Aim to replace negative behaviors with positive behaviors













## Giving Effective Commands

- Children comply with direct commands 65% of the time
- Children comply with indirect commands 24% of the time
- Mean time to compliance = 1.5 seconds
  - 1 standard deviation = 5 seconds
- Direct commands are:
  - Not a question or suggestion (avoid lets, can you, will you)
  - Clear, specific, developmentally appropriate
  - Polite and calmly stated



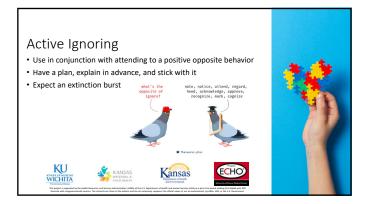














# Ongoing therapy 504 plan for school Regular exercise Non-rx stimulants – coffee Herbal supplements

# Dawson - update • Continued therapy/504/IEP/herbal supplements • Frequent follow up with PCP • Continued concerns regarding impulsivity • Drug use • Multiple sexual partners • Car accident • Considered dropping out of school



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