Psychiatric Ills Are Common in HIV-Infected Youth

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SANTA ANA PUEBLO, N.M. -Whether infected at birth or through risky behavior, youth with human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome often have psychiatric disorders, Dr. Maryland Pao said at the annual meeting of the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine.

"HIV is a psychiatric disease. Psychiatric

disease increases risk for HIV, and HIV increases risk for psychiatric disease," said Dr. Pao, deputy clinical director of the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Md., and coauthor of a 10-year review of psychiatric research on youth and HIV/AIDS (J. Am. Acad. Child Adolesc. Psychiatry 2005;44:728-47).

Although the incidence of AIDS deaths and of vertical transmissions has declined dramatically in the United States, she said, teenagers account for half of new HIV in-

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fections and a quarter of new sexually transmitted diseases that are reported annually. More than half of these new infections, 61%, occur in girls, and 56% of newly infected teenagers are African American, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dr. Pao has reported high rates of psychiatric illnesses in 34 HIV-infected adolescents (Arch. Pediatr. Adolesc. Med. 2000;154:240-4). More than half, 53%, had psychiatric diagnoses before being treated for HIV; 82% had a history of substance abuse; and half had a history of sexual abuse. At the time they were interviewed, 85% had a current disorder, and 44% were depressed.

No large studies have been done in this population, Dr. Pao said, but other small studies also have shown high rates of psychotropic drug use and depression in teens who become infected with HIV.

About 110,000 perinatally infected youths, meanwhile, account for 18% of people living with HIV. Many are sexually active, according to Dr. Pao, and a growing number of girls have become pregnant. "Many of our patients are in their late teens and early 20s. They know they can transmit HIV, but a third of kids don't tell their partners," she said. " ... These kids are not using protection when they are having sex."

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ed perinatally, according to Dr. Pao. However, whether these are a result of the HIV infection, environment, or other factors is not clear.

"Is hyperactivity impulsivity in kids born with HIV? Is that genetic? Is

that HIV? Is that the role of environment and poverty?" she asked, adding, "There is something going on in HIV kids."

In some cases, she said, HIV-infected youth reach sexual maturity without ever having been told why they are taking medications. Parents do not want their children to know they acquired HIV through sex or drugs, so disclosure becomes an issue.

"You would be amazed at how many parents don't want to tell kids what they actually have," Dr. Pao said. "In some cases, kids think they have a benign virus. They really didn't know all along, and now they are 12, and you have to tell

"Once we disclose, there is a lot of depression and anxiety associated with it,' she added. "It is very, very complicated."

Dr. Pao called for ongoing and consistent support of HIV-infected youth and their families. Among their many needs, she cited psychosocial evaluations, counselors trained in chronic illnesses, continuity, confidentiality, coping skills, and help in finding schools for children with learning disabilities.

HIV prevention programs need to be tailored to adolescents, she added. "They know how it is transmitted and what needs to be done, but they don't translate that into changes in their behavior," Dr. Pao said. "What do we have to do to change behavior? We are trying to develop more programs sensitive to adolescent issues.

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Ratentino Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD): Daytrana™ (nethylphenidate transdermal system) is indicated for the treatment of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and is available in 10, 15, 20, and 30 mg dosing strengths. The eficacy of Daytrana™ was established in two controlled clinical trials in children with ADHD.

Special Diagnostic Considerations: Specific etiology of this syndrome is unknown, and there is no single diagnostic test. Adequate diagnosis requires the use not only of medical but of special psychological, educational, and social resources. Learning may or may not be impaired. The diagnosis must be based upon a complete history and evaluation of the child and not solely on the presence of the required number of DSM-H-Y-The "characteristics.

Need for Comprehensive Treatment Program: Daytrana™ is indicated as an integral part of a total treatment program symptoms secondary to environmental factors and/or other primary psychiatric disorders, including psychosis. Appropriate educational placement is essential and psychosocial intervention is often helpful. When remedial measures alone are insufficient, the decision to prescribe stimulant medication will depend upon the physician's assessment of the child's symptoms.

Long-ferm Use: The effectiveness of Daytrana™ for long-term use, i.e., for more than 7 weeks, has not been systematically evaluated in controlled trials. The physician who elects to use Daytrana™ for extended periods should periodically re-evaluate the long-term usefulness of Daytrana™ for individual patient (see DSASEE ABM DAMINISTRATION).

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Adults
Sudden deaths, stroke, and myocardial infarction have been reported in adults taking stimulant drugs at usual doses for ADHD.
Although the role of stimulants in these adult cases is also unknown, adults have a greater likelihood than children of having serious structural cardiac abnormalities, cardiomyopathy, serious heart rhythm abnormalities, cronnary artery disease, or other serious cardiac problems. Adults with such abnormalities should also generally not be treated with stimulant drugs.
Hypertension and Other Cardiovascular Conditions
Stimulant medications cause a modest increase in average blood pressure (about 2-4 mmHg) and average heart rate (about 3-6 bpm) (see ADVERSE REACTIONS), and individuals may have larger increases. While the mean changes alone would not be expected to have short-term consequences, all patients should be monitored for larger changes in heart rate and blood pressure. Caution is indicated in treating patients whose underlying medical conditions might be compromised by increases in blood pressure or heart rate, e.g., those with pre-existing hypertension, heart failure, recent myocardial infarction, or vertificular arrhythmia.

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Children, adolescents, or adults who are being considered for treatment with stimulant medications should have a careful history (including assessment for a family history of sudden death or ventricular arriythmia) and physical exam to assess for the presence of cardiac disease, and should receive further cardiac evaluation if findings suggest such disease (e.g., electron-cardiogram and echocardiogram). Patients who develop symptoms such as exertional chest pain, unexplained syncope, or other symptoms sugestive of cardiac disease during simulant treatment should undergo a prompt cardiac evaluation. Contact Sensitization: Use of Daytrana™ may lead to contact sensitization. Daytrana™ should be discontinued if contact sensitization is suspected. Erythema is commonly seen with use of Daytrana™ and is not by itself an indication of sensitization however, sensitization should be suspected if erythema is commonly seen with use of Daytrana™ and is not by itself an indication of sensitization however, ensitization should be suspected if erythema is accompanied by evidence of a more intense local reaction (edema, papules, vesicles) that does not significantly improve within 46 hours or spreads beyond the patch site. Diagnosis of alergic contact dermattiis should be corroborated by appropriate diagnosis testing.
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Emergence of New Psycholic or Manic Symptoms
Treatment emergent psychotic or manic Symptoms, e.g., hallucinations, delusional thinking, or mania in children and adolescents without a prior history of psychotic illness or mania can be caused by stimulants at usual doses. If such symptoms occur, consideration should be given to a possible causal role of the stimulant, and discontinuation of treatment may be appropriate. In a pooled analysis of multiple short term, placebo-controlled studies, such symptoms occurred in about 0.1% (4 patients with events out of 3.482 exposed to methylphenialdae or amphetamine for several weeks at usual doses) of stimulant-treated patients compared to 0 in placebo-treated patients.

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Aggression
Aggressive behavior or hostility is often observed in children and adolescents with ADHD, and has been reported in clinical Aggressive behavior or hostility is often observed in children and adolescents with ADHD, and has been reported in clinical trails and the postmarketing experience of some medications indicated for the treatment of ADHD. Although there is no systematic evidence that stimulants cause aggressive behavior or hostility, patients beginning treatment for ADHD should be monitored for the appearance of or worsening of aggressive behavior or hostility.

Long-Term Suppression of Growth: Careful follow-up of weight and height in children ages 7 to 10 years who were randomized to either methylphenidate -treated and non-medication treated children over 36 months (to the ages of 10 to 13 years), suggests that consistently medicated children (let, treatment for 7 days ger week throughout the year) have a temporary slowing in growth rate (on average, a total of about 2 cm less growth in height and 2.7 kg less growth in weight over 3 years), without veridence of growth rebound during this period of development. Published data are inadequate to determine whether chronic use of amphetamines may cause a similar suppression of growth, however, it is anticipated that they likely have this effect as well. Therefore, growth should be monitored during treatment with stimulants, and patients who are not growing or gaining height or weight as expected may need to have their treatment interrupted.

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Drug Dependence
Daytranath should be given cautiously to patients with a history of drug dependence or alcoholism. Chronic abusive use can lead to marked tolerance and psychological dependence with varying degrees of abnormal behavior. Frank psychotic episodes can occur, especially with parenteral abuse. Careful supervision is required during withdrawal from abusive use, since severe depression may occur. Withdrawal following chronic therapeutic use may unmask symptoms of the underlying disorder that

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Iness or itching is common with Daytrana™, and small bumps on the skin may also occur in some patients. If any or bilstering occurs the patch should not be worn and the patient should be seen by the prescriber.

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of a possible effect on blood pressure, Daytrana™ should be used cautiously with pressor agents.

Methylphenidate may decrease the effectiveness of drugs used to treat hypertension.
Human pharmacologic studies have shown that methylphenidate may inhibit the metabolism of coumarin anticoagulants,
anticonvulsants (e.g., phenobarbital, phenyfoin, primidone), and some tricyclic drugs (e.g., imipramine, clomipramine,
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Adverse Findings in Clinical Trials With Daytmana™
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Adverse Events Occurring at an Incidence of 5% or More Among Patients Treated With Daytmana™: Table 1 enumerates the incidence of treatment-emergent adverse events reported in a 7 week double-blind, parallel-group, placebo-controlled study in children with ADHD conducted in the outpatient setting.

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dryness of mucous membranes. Remove all patches immediately and cleanse the area(s) to remove any remaining adhesive. The continuing absorption of methylphenidate from the skin, even after removal of the patch, should be considered when treating patients with overdose. Treatment consists of appropriate supportive measures. The patient must be protected against self-injury and against external stimuli that would aggravate overstimulation already present. Intensive care must be provided to maintain adequate circulation and respiratory exchange, external cooling procedures may be required for hypertyrexia. Efficacy of pertioneal dialysis or extracorporeal hemodialysis for Daytrana** overdosage has not been established. Poison Control Center: As with the management of all overdosages, the possibility of multiple drug ingestion should be considered. The physician may wish to consider contacting a poison control center for up-to-date information on the management of overdosage with methylphenidate. Do not store patches unpouched. Store at 25 °C (77° F); excursions permitted to 15-30° C (59-86° F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature]. Once the tray is opened, use contents within 2 months. Apply the patch immediately upon removal from the protective pouch. Do not store patches unpouched. For transformal use only.

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