Morbidity and Mortality in People with Serious Mental Illness

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Overview - THE PROBLEM

- Increased Morbidity and Mortality Associated with Serious Mental Illness (SMI)

- Increased Morbidity and Mortality Largely Due to Preventable Medical Conditions
  - Metabolic Disorders, Cardiovascular Disease, Diabetes Mellitus
  - High Prevalence of Modifiable Risk Factors (Obesity, Smoking)
  - Epidemics within Epidemics (e.g., Diabetes, Obesity)

- Some Psychiatric Medications Contribute to Risk

- Established Monitoring and Treatment Guidelines to Lower Risk Are Underutilized in SMI Populations
Overview - PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

- Prioritize the Public Health Problem
  - Target Providers, Families and Clients
  - Focus on Prevention and Wellness

- Track Morbidity and Mortality in Public Mental Health Populations

- Implement Established Standards of Care
  - Prevention, Screening and Treatment

- Improve Access to and Integration of Physical Health and Mental Health Care
Recent data from several states have found that people with serious mental illness served by our public mental health systems die, on average, at least 25 years earlier that the general population.
Recent Multi-State Study Mortality Data: Years of Potential Life Lost

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Compared to the general population, persons with major mental illness typically lose more than 25 years of normal life span.

## Ohio Study-1998-2002

### Mean Years of Potential Life lost

20,018 persons discharged, 608 deaths

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Massachusetts Study: Deaths from Heart Disease by Age Group/DMH Enrollees with SMI Compared to Massachusetts 1998-2000

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Rates per 100,000
Maine Study Results: Comparison of Health Disorders Between SMI & Non-SMI Groups

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## Ohio Study

### Standardized Mortality Ratios

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† P<0.001
What are the Causes of Morbidity and Mortality in People with Serious Mental Illness?

While suicide and injury account for about 30-40% of excess mortality, about 60% of premature deaths in persons with schizophrenia are due to “natural causes”

- Cardiovascular disease
- Diabetes
- Respiratory diseases
- Infectious diseases
Schizophrenia: Natural Causes of Death

- Higher standardized mortality rates than the general population from:
  - Diabetes: 2.7x
  - Cardiovascular disease: 2.3x
  - Respiratory disease: 3.2x
  - Infectious diseases: 3.4x

- Cardiovascular disease associated with the largest number of deaths
  - 2.3 X the largest cause of death in the general population

Cardiovascular risk factors – overview

BMI = body mass index; TC = total cholesterol; DM = diabetes mellitus; HTN = hypertension.

### Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) Risk Factors

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Mental Disorders and Smoking

• Higher prevalence (56-88% for patients with schizophrenia) of cigarette smoking (overall U.S. prevalence 25%)

• More toxic exposure for patients who smoke (more cigarettes, larger portion consumed)

• Smoking is associated with increased insulin resistance

• Similar prevalence in bipolar disorder

Prevalence of Diagnosed Diabetes in General Population Versus Schizophrenic Population

Percent of population

Schizophrenic:  
50-59 y  
60-69 y  
70-74 y  
75+ y

General:  
50-59 y  
60-74 y

Diagnosed Diabetes, General Population

Diagnosed Diabetes, Schizophrenic Patients

Hypothesized Reasons Why There May Be More Type 2 Diabetes in People With Schizophrenia

- Genetic link between schizophrenia and diabetes
- Impact of lifestyle
- Medication effect increasing insulin resistance by impacting insulin receptor or postreceptor function
- Drug effect on caloric intake or expenditure (obesity, activity)
How Does This Relate to What is Happening in the General Population?

There is an “epidemic” of obesity and diabetes, increasing risk of multiple medical conditions and cardiovascular disease.

- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Metabolic Syndrome
- Cardiovascular Disease
Diabetes and Obesity: The Continuing Epidemic

Mokdad et al. JAMA. 2001;286:1195.
Obesity Trends* Among US Adults

(*BMI ≥30, or about 30 lbs overweight for 5’4” person)
Diabetes and Gestational Diabetes Trends: US Adults, BRFSS 1990

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US Adults, BRFSS 2000

Mokdad et al. *JAMA*. 2001;286(10).
Diabetes and Gestational Diabetes Trends: US Adults, Estimate for 2010

Men and Women, Age 45-74 Years

US Diabetes Prevalence by Ethnic Group

Natural History of Type 2 Diabetes

IGT = impaired glucose tolerance.

Prevalence of Diabetic Tissue Damage at Diagnosis of Type 2 Diabetes

- Urine Albumin: 4%
- Absent Reflexes: 8%
- Absent Foot Pulses: 12%
- Cardiovascular: 17%
- Retinopathy: 18%

## Identification of the Metabolic Syndrome

≥3 Risk Factors Required for Diagnosis

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<td>&gt;35 in (&gt;88 cm)</td>
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<td>Men</td>
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<td>Blood pressure</td>
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<td>Fasting blood glucose</td>
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HDL = high-density lipoprotein.
CHD Risk Increases with Increasing Number of Metabolic Syndrome Risk Factors

Whyte et al, American Diabetes Association, 2001
Adapted from Ridker, Circulation 2003;107:393-397
Modifiable Risk Factors Affected by Psychotropics

- Overweight / Obesity
- Insulin resistance
- Diabetes/hyperglycaemia
- Dyslipidemia

1-Year Weight Gain: Mean Change From Baseline Weight

Change From Baseline Weight (kg)

- Olanzapine (12.5–17.5 mg)
- Olanzapine (all doses)
- Quetiapine
- Risperidone
- Ziprasidone
- Aripiprazole

Weeks

Change From Baseline Weight (lb)

CATIE Trial Results: Weight Gain Per Month Treatment

Weight gain (lb) per month

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NEJM 2005 353:1209-1223
Change in Weight From Baseline 58 Weeks After Switch to Low Weight Gain Agent

**ADA/APA/AACE/NAASO Consensus on Antipsychotic Drugs and Obesity and Diabetes: Monitoring Protocol**

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*More frequent assessments may be warranted based on clinical status

_Diabetes Care._ 27:596-601, 2004
# Metabolic Screening and Monitoring Form

**Name:**

*There is a growing awareness that some psychiatric illnesses and typical antipsychotics can increase metabolic risks. Frequency of monitoring for modifiable risk factors depends on level of risk present at baseline screening.*

## Obesity Screening

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## Lipid Screening — Cholesterol, Triglycerides (TG)*

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*Enter values as indicated in the Metabolic Syndrome (MS) Screening section of the form below.*

## Metabolic Syndrome (MS) Screening*

**Risk Criteria:**

- Abdominal Obesity measured in waist circumference (men >40 inches, women >35 inches)
- Triglycerides (mg/dL) (≥150; or drug treatment)
- HDL Cholesterol (mg/dL) (men <40, women <50; or drug treatment)
- Blood Pressure (mmHg) (≥130/85; or drug treatment)
- Fasting Plasma Glucose (≥100 mg/dL; or drug treatment)*

**Total Criteria for each visit (≥3 = MS Diagnosis)*

*Risk for cardiovascular disease increases with each criterion present, motivating intervention for any single criterion.*

## Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM) Screening†

**Risk Factors:**

- Age ≥45
- Habitual physical inactivity
- Race/ethnicity*
- Polycystic ovary syndrome
- Overweight (BMI ≥25 kg/m²)
- History of GDM or delivery of baby ≥9 lbs.
- Hypertension (≥140/90 mmHg in adults)
- History of vascular disease
- Family history
- Previously identified IFG or IGT
- HDL <35 mg/dL and/or triglyceride ≥250 mg/dL

**Diagnostic Criteria for Prediabetes and T2DM‡**

- Fasting Plasma Glucose (FPG)§:
  - Normal: <100 mg/dL; Prediabetes: 100–125 mg/dL; T2DM: ≥126 mg/dL
- Two-hour Postload Glucose (OGTT)¶
  - Normal: <140 mg/dL; Prediabetes: 140–199 mg/dL; T2DM: ≥200 mg/dL
- Symptoms of T2DM (Yes + casual (random) PG ≥200 mg/dL)‖
- Random Plasma Glucose
  - (≥100 mg/dL requires formal screening with FPG or OGTT)*

*Includes African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders
†May not be correct for all ethnic groups
‡Screen at 3-year intervals beginning at age 45, particularly for those with BMI of ≥25; test at ≤45 or more frequently when overweight and have ≥4 other risk factors.
§FPG and OGTT are the only measures currently approved by the ADA for diabetes screening/diagnosis; ADA recommends preferential use of FPG due to ease of use/acceptance.
¶Follow-up monitoring of 6- to 12-week intervals to monitor TLC response is recommended and pharmacotherapy intervention if TLC falls after 3 months unless lipid, blood pressure, or glucose values demand immediate drug treatment.
‖ATP-III recommends therapeutic lifestyle changes (TLC) for those with prediabetes, hypertension,* 0-1 CHD risk factor and LDL ≥160 mg/dL; 2+ CHD risk factors and LDL ≥130 mg/dL and perhaps subclinical MS.§ Follow-up monitoring of 6- to 12-week intervals to monitor TLC response is recommended and pharmacotherapy intervention if TLC fails after 3 months unless lipid, blood pressure, or glucose values demand immediate drug treatment.

**ADA/APA Consensus Statement Recommendations**

- Considering antipsychotic medication switch for those who gain ≥5% of baseline body weight.*

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Problem: SMI and Reduced Use of Medical Services

- Fewer routine preventive services (Druss 2002)
- Worse diabetes care (Desai 2002, Frayne 2006)
- Lower rates of cardiovascular procedures (Druss 2000)
Access and Quality of Care

SMI may be a health risk factor because of:

- **Patient factors**, e.g.: amotivation, fearfulness, homelessness, victimization/trauma, resources, advocacy, unemployment, incarceration, social instability, IV drug use, etc
- **Provider factors**: Comfort level and attitude of healthcare providers, coordination between mental health and general health care, stigma,
- **System factors**: Funding, fragmentation
Goals: Lower Risk for CVD

- Blood cholesterol
  - 10% ↓ = 30% ↓ in CHD (200-180)
- High blood pressure (> 140 SBP or 90 DBP)
  - 4-6 mm Hg ↓ = 16% ↓ in CHD; 42% ↓ in stroke
- Cigarette smoking cessation
  - 50%-70% ↓ in CHD
- Maintenance of ideal body weight (BMI = 25)
  - 35%-55% ↓ in CHD
- Maintenance of active lifestyle (20-min walk daily)
  - 35%-55% ↓ in CHD

Why Should we be Concerned About Morbidity and Mortality?

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- Improve Access to and Integration of Physical Health and Mental Health Care
Recommendations

**NATIONAL LEVEL**

1. Seek federal designation of people with SMI as a distinct at-risk health disparities population. Establish co-ordinated mental health and general health care as a national healthcare priority.

2. Establish a committee at the federal level to recommend changes to national surveillance activities that will incorporate information about health status in the population with SMI.

- Consider representation from SAMHSA, Medicaid, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, state MH authorities / NASMHPD, and experts
- This may include the IOM project and other national surveys.
Recommendations

**NATIONAL LEVEL**

3. Share information widely about physical health risks in persons with SMI to encourage awareness and advocacy. Educate the health care community. Encourage consumers and family members to advocate for wellness approaches as part of recovery.
Recommendations

**STATE LEVEL**

1. Seek state designation of people with SMI as BOTH an at-risk and a health disparities population.

2. Establish co-ordinated mental health and general health care as a state healthcare priority.

3. Education and advocacy
   - policy makers
   - funders
   - providers
   - individuals, family, community
Recommendations

**STATE LEVEL**

4. Require, regulate and lead Behavioral Health provider systems to screen, assess and treat both mental health and general health care issues. Provide for staffing, time, record keeping, reimbursement, linkage with physical healthcare providers.

5. Funding

6. Promote co-ordinated and integrated mental health and physical health care for persons with SMI. See 11th NASMHPD Technical Paper: *Integrating Mental Health and Primary Care*. 
Recommendations
LOCAL AGENCY / CLINICIAN

1. BH providers shall provide quality medical care and mental health care
   - Screen for general health with priority for high risk conditions
   - Offer prevention and intervention especially for modifiable risk factors (obesity, abnormal glucose and lipid levels, high blood pressure, smoking, alcohol and drug use, etc.)
   - Prescribers will screen, monitor and intervene for medication risk factors related to treatment of SMI (e.g. risk of metabolic syndrome with use of second generation anti-psychotics)
   - Treatment per practice guidelines, e.g. heart disease, diabetes, smoking cessation, use of novel anti-psychotics.
LOCAL AGENCY / CLINICIAN Recommendations

2. Care coordination Models

- Assure that there is a specific practitioner in the MH system who is identified as the responsible party for each person’s medical health care needs being addressed and who assures coordination all services.

- Routine sharing of clinical information with other providers (primary and specialty healthcare providers as well as mental health providers)

- Care integration where services are co-located
LOCAL AGENCY / CLINICIAN RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Support consumer wellness and empowerment to improve personal mental and physical well-being

- educate / share information to make healthy choices regarding nutrition, tobacco use, exercise, implications of psychotropic drugs
- teach / support wellness self-management skills
- teach / support decision making skills
- motivational interviewing techniques
- Implement a physical health Wellness approach that is consistent with Recovery principles, including supports for smoking cessation, good nutrition, physical activity and healthy weight.
- attend to cultural and language needs
Overview - PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

- Prioritize the Public Health Problem
  - Target Providers, Families and Clients
  - Focus on Prevention and Wellness
- Track Morbidity and Mortality in Public Mental Health Populations
- Implement Established Standards of Care
  - Prevention, Screening and Treatment
- Improve Access to and Integration of Physical Health and Mental Health Care
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