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New Treatments for Depression Characterized by Physical Symptoms

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1. According to Manning, mirtazapine:

- a. Is a pure selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor
- b. Has not been found to be as efficacious as tricyclic antidepressants
- c. May have a faster onset of action than paroxetine
- d. Has not been associated with weight gain or sedation

2. According to Manning, escitalopram:

- a. Was developed to provide superior efficacy and tolerability over citalopram
- b. Enhances both serotonergic and noradrenergic neurotransmission
- c. Has high rates of dry mouth and sedation
- d. Is associated with less nausea than placebo

3. According to Manning, duloxetine:

- a. Enhances both serotonergic and noradrenergic neurotransmission but not by inhibiting their reuptake
- b. Is more effective after titration up from the starting dose of 60 mg/day
- c. Is associated with mild-to-moderate and transient nausea, but discontinuation due to adverse events was not statistically different from that of placebo
- d. Is less effective for pain than antidepressants with single monoamine activity

- 4. According to Jain, the dual-action serotonin and norepinephrine antidepressants include the investigational medication duloxetine and all of the following *except*:
 - a. Sertraline
 - b. Venlafaxine
 - c. Amitriptyline
 - d. Mirtazapine
- 5. According to Jain, the new dual-action antidepressants may provide a faster speed of onset and higher rates of remission than the older tricyclic antidepressants and monoamine oxidase inhibitors while avoiding:
 - a. Their high potential for abuse
 - b. Their need to be injected
 - c. Their intolerable side effects
 - d. Their short shelf life
- 6. Dual-action antidepressants may be especially more effective than single-action antidepressants in treating the somatic symptoms that frequently occur in depression.
 - a. True
 - b. False

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- 7. According to Trivedi, in the primary care setting, a high percentage of patients with depression present exclusively with physical symptoms.
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 8. According to Trivedi, residual symptoms, including physical symptoms, _____ the likelihood of relapse.
 - a. Decrease
 - b. Eliminate
 - c. Do not affect
 - d. Increase
- 9. According to Trivedi, physicians should use _____ as a first-line treatment in patients with depression who present with physical symptoms.
 - a. Single-action antidepressants
 - b. Dual-action antidepressants
 - c. Anticonvulsants
 - d. Atypical antipsychotics

- 10. According to Savard, a patient with depression is more likely than his or her physician to believe that:
 - a. The physician recommended that treatment last 6 months or longer
 - b. The physician warned the patient about antidepressant side effects such as weight gain
 - c. The patient must endure antidepressant side effects
 - d. The patient and physician collaborate on treatment decisions
- 11. According to Savard, continuation therapy that lasts for _____ after symptoms are resolved is required for patients who have had _____ or more episodes of depression.
 - a. 4 to 6 weeks; 1
 - b. 4 to 5 months; 1
 - c. 4 to 6 weeks; 3
 - d. 4 to 5 months; 3
- 12. According to Savard, patients with depression should keep track of their initial and current physical and emotional symptoms, side effects, and quality of life measures because these patients often overestimate their response to treatment.
 - a. True
 - b. False

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