

Addressing Barriers to Care: Strategies for the Management of Patients with Schizophrenia



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Until the past decade, there was generally a pessimistic attitude about the treatment of patients with schizophrenia and their outcomes. One key concept that has been identified as critical in optimizing the care and outcomes of patients is continuity of care by a team of healthcare providers. Continuity of care is widely viewed as a key quality indicator for outpatient mental health care and is essential to prevention of relapse and re-hospitalization.¹

Yet, progress has lagged in the implementation and measurement of continuity of care in clinical practice. In a recent educational activity by CME Outfitters, over 220 psychiatrists responded that their main reason for not changing practice immediately regarding continuity of care was they did not know where to start, demonstrating a gap in knowledge and performance regarding the implementation of this process in clinical practice. A first step to improving care is identifying the barriers that exist. Patient barriers, physician barriers and system barriers can be significant obstacles requiring education of the entire mental healthcare team in order to begin to break down the walls and allow clinicians to provide the best care for each patient.

The identification of the barriers can be the first step in empowering both the provider and the patient. This can highlight to psychiatrists, other healthcare providers, payors, and healthcare systems what barriers may exist and how they are impacting the outcomes and lives of patients.

In this neuroscienceCME Live and On Demand activity, faculty will highlight barriers to optimal care and their impact on the outcomes and lives of patients with schizophrenia and propose practical strategies and tools that can be utilized to improve the care of patients with schizophrenia.

¹ Adair CE, McDougall GM, Beckie A, et al. History and measurement of continuity of care in mental health services and evidence of its role in outcomes. *Psychiatr Serv* 2003;54:1351-1356.

Activity Goal

To offer clinicians optimal strategies to more effectively manage individuals with schizophrenia across the continuum of care.

Learning Objectives

At the end of this CE activity, participants should be able to:

- Assess key barriers in practice that impact continuity of care in the management of patients with schizophrenia.
- Implement treatment plans in concordance with patients that focus on improving continuity of care.
- Incorporate tools and measures in practice to improve discharge transitions of patients with schizophrenia.

Target Audience

Physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, psychologists, social workers, certified case managers, pharmacists, and other healthcare professionals interested in the management of patients with schizophrenia.

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Abbreviation List

ACT	Assertive Community Treatment
AIMS	Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale
APA	American Psychiatric Association
APN	Advanced practice nurse
BARS	Brief Adherence Rating Scale
BP	Blood pressure
CAFÉ	Comparison of Atypicals for First-Episode
CAI	Competency Assessment Instrument
CAT	Cognitive Adaptive Training
CATIE	Clinical Antipsychotic Trials of Intervention Effectiveness
CGI	Clinical Global Impressions scale
CVD	Cardiovascular disease
DM	Diabetes mellitus
EBQI	Evidence-Based Quality Improvement
EQUIP	Enhancing Quality of Care In Psychosis
FDA	Food & Drug Administration
HAM-D	Hamilton Depression Rating Scale
HTN	Hypertension
MedMAP	Medication Management Approaches in Psychiatry
MEMS	Medication Event Monitoring System
MH	Mental health
MHA	Mental Health America
NASMHPD	National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
PANSS	Positive And Negative Symptom Scale
PCP	Primary care physician
PharmCAT	Pharmacological Cognitive Adaptive Training
PreFER	Prevent First Episode Relapse
SMI	Severe mental illness
TAU	Treatment as usual
WHO	World Health Organization

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Learning Objective 2

Implement treatment plans in concordance with patients that focus on improving continuity of care

Learning Objective 3

Incorporate tools and measures in practice to improve discharge transitions of patients with schizophrenia

Barriers to Optimal Care

- Patient barriers
 - Nonadherence, comorbidities, pharmacological (side effects)
- Physician barriers
 - Continuity of care, pharmacological (prescribing/dosing issues), lack of evidence-based practice
- System barriers
 - Inadequacy of human resources, financial constraints, communication/coordination of care

Key Patient Barriers to Care

- Comorbidities
 - Medical
 - Psychiatric
 - Substance use
- Insurance coverage
- Pharmacological
 - Access
 - Efficacy
 - Tolerability/safety
- Nonadherence
 - Medications
 - Scheduling/appts
- Limited support system
- Persistent symptoms
 - Positive/negative symptoms¹
 - Cognitive deficits
 - Aggression

1. Lindenmayer JP, et al. *J Clin Psychiatry* 2009;70:990-996.

Key Physician Barriers to Care

- Lack of time; burn-out^{1,2}
- Lack of resources
 - Lack of psychosocial treatment resources²
 - Treatment issues (effectiveness and access)
- Psychiatrists not as equipped to address patients' overall health as primary care physicians (PCPs)²

1. Brown AH, et al. *Implement Sci* 2008;3:9.
 2. Mental Health America. *Mental Health and Psychiatry News* 2008. <http://www.health.am/psy/more/schizophrenia-and-healthcare-survey>.

Key Physician Barriers to Care

- Continuity of care
 - Communication challenges, poor discharge follow-up
- Pharmacological
 - Tolerability and dosing issues
- Physician stereotyping patients with mental illness¹
- Lack of utilization of evidence-based practice

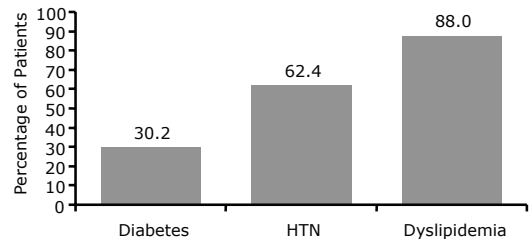
1. Gold KJ, et al. *Am Fam Physician* 2008;78:314-315.

Attitudes, Behaviors, and Communication Barriers

- Both psychiatrists and PCPs had slightly negative stereotypes and attitudes concerning patients with schizophrenia¹
- PCPs reported receiving information from psychiatrists only 0% to 10% of the time¹
- PCP frustrations include:
 - Long delays in getting patients seen for initial consult
 - No response back when they refer a patient
 - Lack of explicit recommendations they can act on
 - No response to request for medical information

1. Jones SM, et al. *Int J Geriatr Psychiatry* 2009;24:254-260.

Low Rates of Treatment for Metabolic Disorders in Schizophrenia in CATIE % of Patients Who Never Received Treatment



N = 1460; HTN = hypertension
Nasrallah H, et al. *Schizophr Res* 2006;86:15-22.

Key System Barriers to Care

- Lack of bridges between institutions
 - Communication between hospital and community-based physician regarding discharge of patients
- Lack of structure to develop care plan
 - Coordinating care, screening, and monitoring
- Inadequacy of human resources
- Financial constraints
 - Reimbursement

Key System Barriers to Care

- "Today's mental health system is a patchwork relic—the result of disjointed reforms and policies"¹
- The system presents barriers that add to the burden of mental illness of individuals, families, and the community¹
- "The lag between discovering effective forms of treatment and incorporating them into routine patient care is unnecessarily long, lasting 15-20 years"²

1. Hogan M. The President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health. *Achieving the Promise: Transforming Mental Health Care in America*. 2003.
2. Institute of Medicine Committee on Quality Health Care in America. *Crossing the Quality Chasm: A New Health System for the 21st Century*. National Academies Press. 2001. Full text available at <http://www.nap.edu/books/0309072808/html>.

Community-Based Service Gaps

- Provider-provider interactions are not usually covered by third-party payers¹
- Best practice interventions may not be covered by third-party payers¹
- Differing formularies in different health systems²

1. Goin MK. *Psychiatr Serv* 2001;52:605-609.
2. Shaya FT, et al. *Pharmacoeconomics Outcomes Res* 2004;4:595-597.

Michael Jones

- 23-year-old male
- Past history of schizophrenia x3 yrs
- History of medication nonadherence
- Admits history of substance use
- Psychiatrist did a lipid profile—triglycerides were above 250 mg/dL; referral made to primary care physician to evaluate medical condition

Michael Jones (cont.)

- Patient arrives at referral office, but is unkempt, no insurance information, and uncertain why he is there for evaluation
- Patient is told to return at a later date, but no follow-up appointment is made
- Patient stops taking medication because he is frustrated and is hospitalized 1 month later

Medication Adherence

- Poor across physical and psychiatric disorders¹
- Particularly poor in persistent disorders, where treatments are designed to prevent symptom onset or recurrence, and when the consequences of stopping treatment are delayed²
- As many as 75% of patients with schizophrenia become nonadherent within two years of hospital discharge³
- Consequences of nonadherence are severe; more than 50% of patients who discontinue antipsychotics will relapse within 3-10 months^{4,5,6}
- Relapse rates are 5 times higher in nonadherent patients⁶

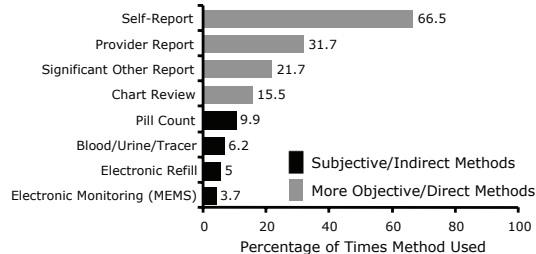
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Can Physicians Identify Poorly Adherent Patients?

- Correlations between adherence assessed with electronic monitoring and physician impressions of adherence are non-significant or small¹
- At 80% or better adherence, physicians were completely unable to divide patients into adherent and nonadherent groups²
- Some positive evidence that a brief self-report measure known as the Brief Adherence Rating Scale (BARS) (which sensitizes patients to missed doses prior to asking about the amount of medication taken) is related to adherence as measured by electronic monitoring³

1. Byerly M, et al. *Psychiatry Res* 2005;133:129-133.
 2. Velligan DI, et al. *Schizophr Bull* 2006;32:724-742.
 3. Byerly M, et al. *Schizophr Res* 2008;100:60-69.

Methods Used to Measure Adherence



MEMS = Medication Event Monitoring System; Percentages are not mutually exclusive
 161 schizophrenia studies reviewed by Velligan DI, et al. *Schizophr Bull* 2006;32:724-742.

Approaches to Address Nonadherence

- Modify the plan to be patient-centered
 - Shared decision-making
 - Concordance
- Modify the environment
 - Cues to act
 - Increase social support
 - Address barriers
- Modify the medicine
 - Maximize efficacy through tailored treatment
 - Maximize tolerability in that patient
 - Simplify regimen
 - Use depot formulation

Environmental Supports to Improve Adherence



Maples, Velligan. *Am J Psychiatric Rehab* 2008;11:164-180.
 Velligan DI, et al. *Schizophrenia Bull* 2008;34:483-493.

Physician and System Solutions Improve Outcomes

- CAI (Competency Assessment Instrument)¹
 - Evaluates consumer-led intervention and implements recovery-oriented care
- EQUIP (Enhancing QQuality of Care In Psychosis)²
 - Methods and tools to implement chronic illness care principles
- EBQI (Evidence-Based Quality Improvement)³
 - Performance feedback and leadership support
 - EBQI had perceptible effects on practice performance for patients with depression³

1. Chinman M, et al. *Ment Health Serv Res* 2003;5:97-108.
 2. Brown AH, et al. *Implement Sci* 2008;3-9.
 3. Rubenstein LV, et al. *J Gen Intern Med* 2006;21:1027-1035.

Physician and System Solutions Improve Outcomes

- NASMHPD/MHA¹
 - Identify persons with SMI as high priority, assure adequate strategies developed, tested, and implemented, reduce premature mortality/morbidity¹
 - Integration of general and specialty care with a focus on systematic assessment and competent, integrated intervention focal strategy¹
- ACT (Assertive Community Treatment)²
 - Team approach to continuity of care

SMI = severe mental illness
 1. Parks J, et al. *Morbidity and Mortality in People with Serious Mental Illness*. Presented at the Fifth National Summit of State Psychiatric Superintendents. Bethesda, MD. May 2007.
 2. Assertive Community Treatment Association; <http://www.actassociation.org>.

ACT Tools to Aid in Treatment Adherence

- Educate patients about medications and side effects
- Continually assess and discuss side effects
- Monitor medication regimens and outcomes
- Become the eyes and ears of the psychiatrists
- Assist with medication set-ups
- Use pill boxes, "eyes on meds", and "ears on meds"
- Readily make medication changes when needed

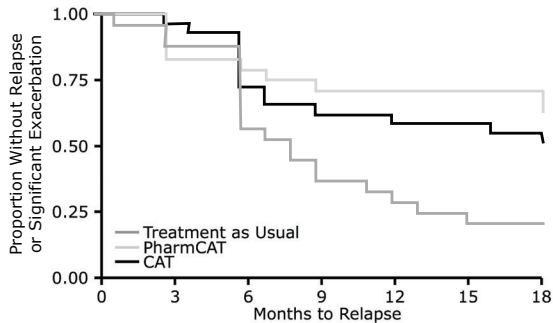
ACT = assertive community treatment association. <http://www.actassociation.org>. Accessed October 5, 2009.

Patient Solutions Improve Outcomes

- CAT (Cognitive Adaptive Training)
 - Environmental supports to cue behavior change
- PharmCAT
 - Focuses on medication and appointment adherence
- 9-month randomized, single-blind trial, 6-month follow-up
 - Full CAT (n = 37), PharmCAT (n = 36), TAU (n = 29)
- Maintenance of gains in functional outcome may require some form of continued intervention

TAU = treatment as usual
 Velligan DI, et al. *Schizophr Bull* 2008;34:483-493.

Evidence-Based Interventions to Improve Adherence in Schizophrenia



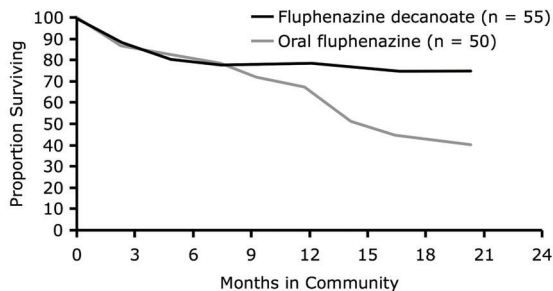
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Oral vs. Long-Acting Antipsychotics

- Oral¹
 - Partial or total non-compliance remains widespread
 - Associated with significant increases in the risk of relapse, rehospitalization, progressive brain tissue loss, and further functional deterioration
- Long-acting¹
 - Developed to promote treatment compliance in patients requiring maintenance treatment for schizophrenia
 - Have potential to address issues of all-cause discontinuation and poor compliance
 - Should be considered in first-episode patients, for whom optimal outcome is frequently compromised by early treatment discontinuation and poor adherence²

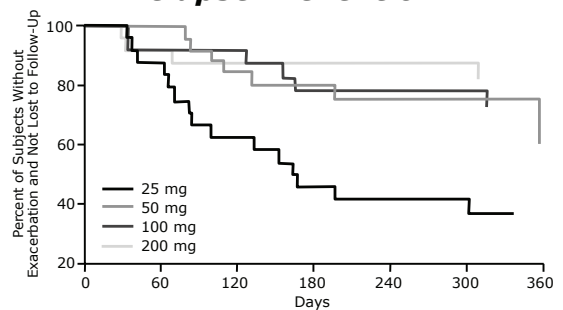
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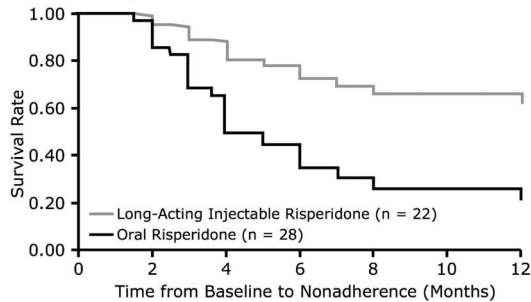
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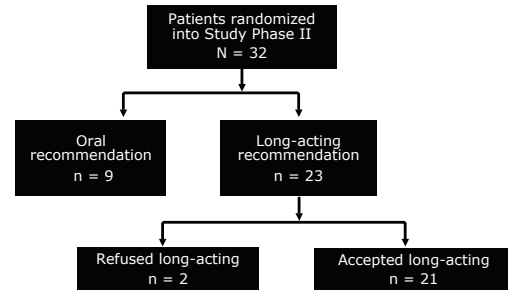
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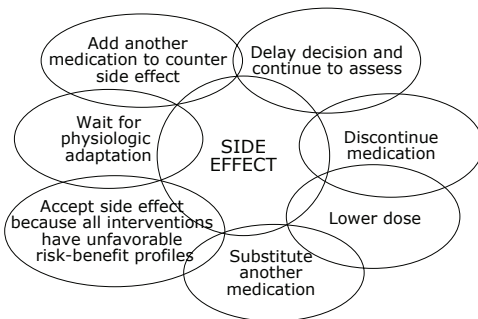
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PreFER Acceptance of Long-Acting Recommendation



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Assessing and Managing New Side Effects During Treatment



Steps to Improve the Medical and Mental Health of Patients with Schizophrenia

Ask	Act	Decide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal/family history <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family history of mental illness Medical history <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HTN, DM, CVD Smoking Diet Activity Substance use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Height, weight, BP Waist circumference Fasting glucose PANSS, AIMS, HAM-D, CGI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behavioral treatments Referral <ul style="list-style-type: none"> External Internal Switch medications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address issues of tolerability, lack of efficacy, and non-adherence

HTN = hypertension; DM = diabetes mellitus; CVD = cardiovascular disease; BP = blood pressure; PANSS = positive and negative symptom scale; AIMS = abnormal involuntary movement scale; HAM-D = Hamilton Depression Rating Scale; CGI = clinical global impression scale

Measurement-Based Medicine

- Routine monitoring of relevant outcomes with standardized scales¹
- Provides feedback to clinicians to inform medical decision-making²
- Used to inform payers and health care systems³
- Measurement-based mental health care has been found to be feasible and effective⁴

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Treatment Team Approach to Improving Continuity of Care After Discharge

- Use of an advanced practice nurse (APN) to provide transitional care in the community setting can be useful
 - APN interviews patients, contacts outpatient providers, and communicates with patients after discharge via cellphone¹
- Improved communication between primary care and psychiatry regarding the treatment of patients with chronic mental disorders may reduce re-admission and relapse²

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Treatment Team Approach to Improving Continuity of Care After Discharge

- It is important that there be no gaps in service delivery; patients are particularly vulnerable to relapse after acute episode and need support in resuming normal life and activities in the community¹
- For hospitalized patients, it is frequently beneficial to arrange an appointment with an outpatient psychiatrist before discharge¹
- Adjustment to life in the community for patients can be facilitated through realistic goal setting and skills training

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Aligning Treatment Goals

- Concordance on treatment goals
 - Psychiatrist vs. patient
 - Psychiatrist vs. PCP
 - Referring patients to a specialist for additional treatment¹
 - PCP vs. psychiatrists
 - MHA study—psychiatrists work in tandem with primary care physicians to reduce health problems related to medication side effects¹
- Shared decision-making
 - Informed consent at least
 - Useful for well-informed and compliant patients and for those who currently dislike their antipsychotic²
 - Psychosocial matters²

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Role of Family in Overcoming Barriers

- Participation of family in psychoeducation decreases relapse rates
- Provides illness education, support, problem-solving training, and crisis intervention services
- Requires investment but should improve outcomes and decrease service utilization

Cohen AN, et al. *Psychiatr Serv* 2008;59:40-48.

Clinical Connections

- Assist the patient
 - Psychotherapeutic approaches
 - Increase social support
 - Provide tools to aid in adherence
- Address the physician
 - Collaboration and communication
 - Routine sharing of clinical information with other providers
 - Evidence-based medicine
 - Utilize quality measures and scales
- Modify the system
 - Integration or co-localization of mental health and medical services¹
 - Assure responsible party in MH system for each patient's medical health care needs

1. Lenroot R, et al. *Psychiatr Serv* 2003;54:1499-1507.

Clinical Connections

- Intervene early
 - Modify the plan, the environment, or the medication to address issues of nonadherence
 - Evaluate role of medication in nonadherence
 - Side effects, dosing, formulation
- Optimize the treatment
 - Maximize efficacy and tolerability
 - Simplify regimen
 - Consider long-acting medications
- Collaborative treatment model
 - Assess competencies of treatment team and formulate a plan for improving care
- Involve families in recovery plan

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Resources

- Practice Guidelines and Recommendations
- APA – Practice Guidelines for the Treatment of Patients with Schizophrenia
 - http://www.psychiatryonline.com/pracGuide/pracGuideTopic_6.aspx
 - WHO – Recommendations for improving the delivery of mental health services
 - http://www.who.int/mental_health/management/schizophrenia/en/
 - <http://www.ipap.org/schiz/>
 - Joint Commission – Discharge and Referral Requirements
 - <http://www.jointcommission.org>

Resources

- Quality Measures
- EBQI – Evidence-Based Quality Improvement
 - MedMAP - Medication Management Approaches in Psychiatry
 - <http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/cmhs/communitysupport/toolkits/community/workbook/appendixd.asp>
- Models for Optimizing Care
- ACT – Assertive Community Treatment
 - <http://www.actassociation.org>
 - CAI – Competency Assessment Instrument
 - <http://www.desertpacific.mirecc.va.gov/.../cai-item-key-intro-revised-4-2004.pdf>
 - EQUIP – Enhancing Quality of Care In Psychosis
 - <http://www.desertpacific.mirecc.va.gov/equip/>

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Addressing Barriers to Care: Strategies for the Management of Patients with Schizophrenia

- True or False: Inadequacy of human resources, financial constraints, and communication/coordination of care are all identified as system barriers to care.
 - True
 - False
- Key patient barriers to care include:
 - Comorbidities
 - Limited support system
 - Persistent symptoms
 - All of the above
- Key physician barriers to care include which of the following?
 - Communication challenges
 - Tolerability and dosing issues
 - Insurance coverage
 - Both A and B
- According to data from the CATIE study that was published in 2006 by Nasrallah and colleagues, the percentage of patients with schizophrenia who never receive treatment for dyslipidemia is:
 - 85%
 - 88%
 - 62.4%
 - 30.2%
- A 1995 publication by Weiden and colleagues, cites that _____ of patients with schizophrenia will become nonadherent within two years of hospital discharge?
 - 80%
 - 75%
 - 65%
 - 85%
- Based on the review by Velligan and colleagues of schizophrenia studies, which of the following was the most common method used to measure medication adherence in patients with schizophrenia?
 - Provider Report
 - Chart Review
 - Self-Report
 - Pill Count
- A focus on the team approach to continuity of care is associated with which of the following models for optimizing quality of care for patients?
 - Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)
 - Enhancing Quality of Care In Psychosis (EQUIP)
 - Evidence-Based Quality Improvement (EBQI)
 - Both B and C
- In which of the following ways can clinicians respond to the problem of side effects in a patient taking antipsychotic medication?
 - Wait for physiologic adaptation
 - Discontinue medication
 - Accept side effects because all interventions have unfavorable risk-benefit profiles
 - Delay decision and continue to assess
 - All of the above
- True or False: Measurement-based mental health care has been found to be feasible and effective.
 - True
 - False
- Although it requires a time investment, participation by the patient's family in psychoeducation is important because:
 - It decreases relapse rates
 - It equips the family with problem-solving training and crisis intervention services
 - It is likely to lead to increased service utilization
 - A and B
 - All of the above

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Please answer the questions that follow.

What is your practice type?

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 PA/NP Psychologist Other, please specify: _____

To what extent do you agree with the following statements? (Please circle the appropriate number on the scale.)

1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Somewhat Disagree 4 = Somewhat Agree 5 = Agree 6 = Strongly Agree

As many as 75% of patients with schizophrenia will become nonadherent within 2 years following hospital discharge.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 Strongly Agree

Most clinicians can readily identify a patient who is or soon will become medication nonadherent.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 Strongly Agree

Treatment with long-acting antipsychotic medications may improve medication adherence in patients with schizophrenia.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 Strongly Agree

Cognitive adaptive training focused on medication and appointment routines (PharmCAT) is successful in maintaining adherence in patients with schizophrenia.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 Strongly Agree

Now that you have participated in this activity, how often do you plan to engage in the following practice behavior? (1 = Never; 6 = Always) (Check box if this decision or authority is outside your usual scope of practice)

I monitor patients with schizophrenia for metabolic risk factors on a scheduled basis.

Never 1 2 3 4 5 6 Always Not within my scope of practice

I rely on more objective measures, such as serum levels, pill counts/refills, or the Brief Adherence Rating Scale, rather than patient or family self-reports, when making assessments of medication adherence in patients with persistent mental illness.

Never 1 2 3 4 5 6 Always Not within my scope of practice

I routinely communicate summaries of treatment plan changes for any health condition to other relevant members of the treatment team for patients with severe mental illness (for example: if in primary care, I send to mental health clinician; if mental health clinician, I send to primary care provider).

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1. The content level was: Too easy About right Too difficult

	Strongly Agree			Strongly Disagree		
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3. The course met the stated objective(s):						
• Assess key barriers in practice that impact continuity of care in the management of patients with schizophrenia.	5	4	3	2	1	
• Implement treatment plans in concordance with patients that focus on improving continuity of care.	5	4	3	2	1	
• Incorporate tools and measures in practice to improve discharge transitions of patients with schizophrenia.	5	4	3	2	1	
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8. The moderator was effective at facilitating the faculty discussion.	5	4	3	2	1	
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Speaker	Content	Clinical Relevance	Teaching Strategies	Level of Expertise
Henry A. Nasrallah, MD	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1
Dawn I. Velligan, PhD	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1

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If no, please explain: _____

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If no, please state reasons: _____

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If no, did it negatively impact the educational value of this activity? Yes No

If yes, please state reasons: _____

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