

# Approaches to Tardive Dyskinesia (TD) Treatment

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# 2020 APA Practice Guideline



## 2020 APA Guideline: TD Recommendations

Reversible VMAT2 inhibitors are recommended in patients with moderate to severe or disabling TD

VMAT2 inhibitors can also be considered for patients with mild TD

There is insufficient evidence to support a guideline statement on the use of the following treatments in individuals with TD:

Anticholinergics (e.g., benztropine)

Benzodiazepines (e.g., clonazepam)

Change in antipsychotic therapy to a lower-potency medication

Ginkgo biloba

Cessation or reduction of antipsychotic medication

Amantadine

Vitamin E



# **2013 AAN Guideline for Treatment of Tardive Syndromes (TS), including TD**



## 2013 AAN Guideline: Background

- TS is an umbrella term for a group of delayed-onset, often persistent motor symptoms associated with the use of dopamine receptor blocking agents
- TD is associated with prolonged use of dopamine receptor blocking agents (DRBAs), such as antipsychotics
- TD is a persistent, uncontrolled hyperkinetic movement disorder
- At the time of the 2013 TD AAN Guideline development, there were no treatments indicated for adults with TD
- Off-label use of drugs for managing TD were given a [recommendation of B or lower](#)



## 2013 AAN Guideline: Overview

- Some evidence to support the use of these medications to treat TD:
  - Clonazepam
  - Amantadine
  - Ginkgo biloba extract
  - Tetrabenazine
- Insufficient evidence to support or refute the use of other treatment strategies, such as:
  - Unclear whether withdrawing antipsychotic treatment improves TD
    - Antipsychotics both produce and mask the symptoms of TD
    - Antipsychotic withdrawal may cause TD worsening
    - Patients may also risk psychotic relapse
  - Unclear whether switching from a typical (first generation antipsychotic) to an atypical (second generation antipsychotic) can improve TD
  - Vitamins E and B6, melatonin
  - Anticholinergics (e.g., benztropine) or cholinergics (e.g., choline, donepezil)
  - GABA agonists (e.g., baclofen)
  - Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) or deep brain stimulation (DBS)

# 2013 AAN Guideline: Summary of Selected Agents for Off-Label Use for TD



## Benztropine

- Level U recommendation
- Insufficient data to determine its effectiveness
- No Class I studies

## Amantadine

- Level C recommendation
- May be considered for short term use with neuroleptics
- No Class I studies

## Clonazepam

- Level B recommendation
- Should be considered for short term use (~ 3 months)





## 2013 AAN Guideline: Other Questions to Address

Questions	2013 AAN Guideline: Evidence <sup>1</sup>
Is withdrawal of dopamine receptor blocking agents (DRBAs) an effective TD treatment?	Data are insufficient to support or refute TD treatment of DRBA withdrawal (Level U)
Does switching from typical to atypical DRBAs reduce TD symptoms?	Data are insufficient to support or refute TD treatment by changing to atypical antipsychotics (Level U)
Do patients with TD benefit from chemodenervation with botulinum toxin (BoNT)?	Data are insufficient to support or refute BoNT use to treat TD symptoms (Level U)
Do patients with TD benefit from surgical therapy?	Data are insufficient to support or refute pallidal deep brain stimulation use in treating TD (Level U)



# Updating the 2013 AAN Recommendations for the Treatment of Tardive Syndromes: 2018 Systematic Review of New Evidence



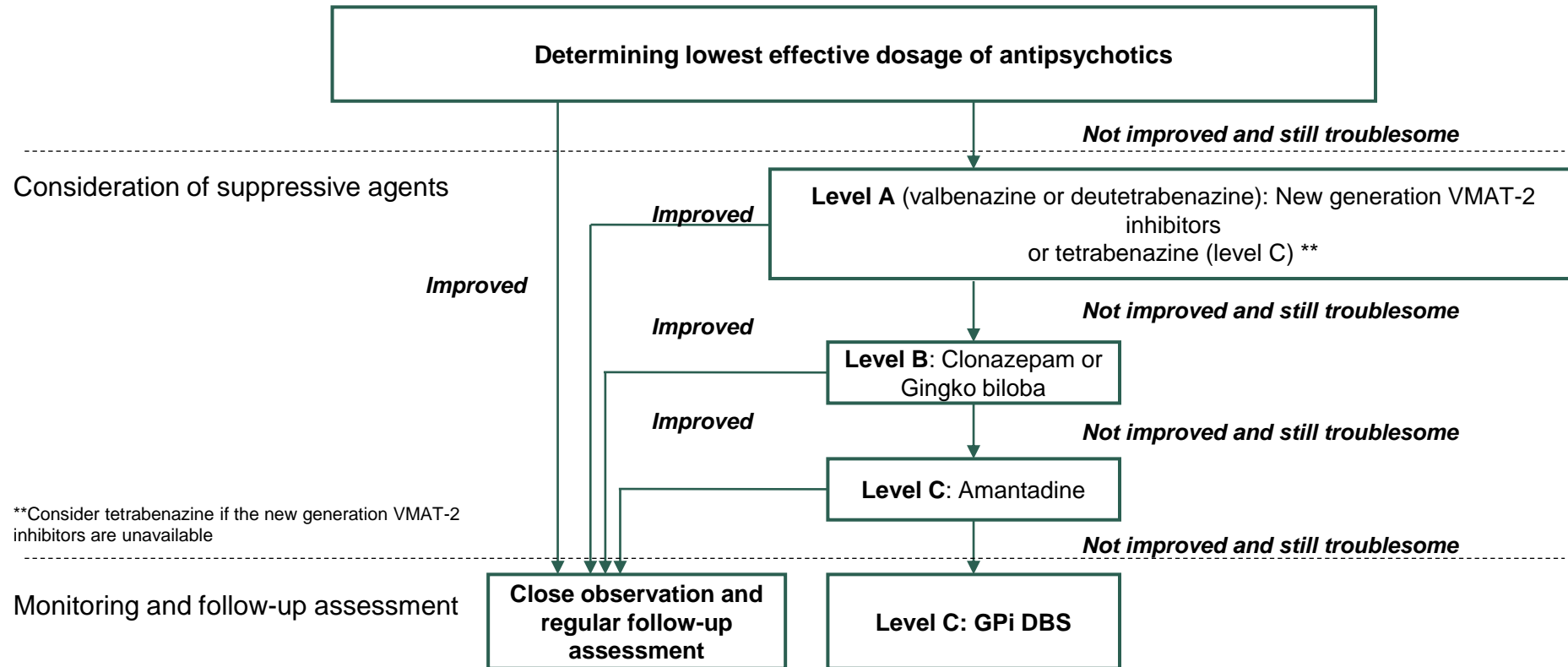
## 2018 Systematic Review: Background

- Latest 2013 AAN guidelines were published before available treatments approved for adults with TD
  - This review aimed to update the evidence-based recommendations for the management of TD
- Valbenazine and deutetrabenazine approved for adults with TD were given a Level A classification and are recommended as first line treatment
- Included in the systematic review is a practical algorithm for treatment of TD



# 2018 Systematic Review: Practical Treatment Algorithm

- Adapted for the management of troublesome TD in patients receiving an approved antipsychotic treatment as indicated.
- Assessment of TD is necessary prior to treatment



GPi DBS, globus pallidus interna deep brain stimulation; TD, tardive dyskinesia; VMAT-2, vesicular monoamine transporter type 2.

Bhidayasiri et al. *J Neurol Sci.* 2018;389:67-75.

# 2018 Systematic Review: Summary of Selected Agents for Off-Label Use for TD



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- 2018 review: No changes
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## 2018 Systematic Review: Other Questions to Address

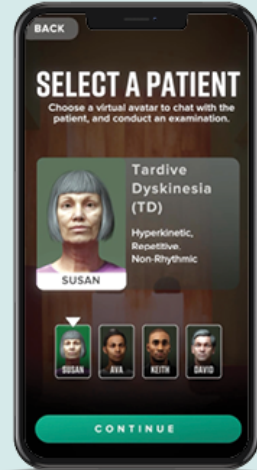
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Do patients with TD benefit from surgical therapy?	Data are insufficient to support or refute pallidal deep brain stimulation use in treating TD (Level U)	Pallidal deep brain stimulation possibly improves TD and might be considered as a treatment for intractable TD (Level C)

1. Bhidayasiri R, et al. *Neurology*. 2013;81(5):463-469; 2. Bhidayasiri et al. *J Neurol Sci*. 2018;389:67-75.

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