

Antidepressant Discontinuation Syndrome



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Symptoms

Flu-Like Symptoms

Thermometer and Ice-bag

Flu-like symptoms such as fatigue, lethargy, muscle aches, headaches, sweating, and diarrhea are very common in this condition.

Insomnia

Taped-awake-insomniac

Insomnia is also a frequent manifestation of this condition.

Nausea

Nausea/vomiting

Nausea and vomiting are manifestations of antidepressant discontinuation syndrome.

Ataxia

A-taxi

Ataxia and balance problems are common in patients with antidepressant discontinuation syndrome.

Agitation

Agitated-agent

Agitation is a common manifestation of antidepressant discontinuation syndrome.

Psychosis

Psycho in straight-jacket

Transient psychosis can be caused by the abrupt withdrawal of antidepressants, particularly MAO inhibitors.

Treatment

Restart And Taper

Tape-dispenser with Gradual amounts of pills and restart button

Treatment of this condition consists of restarting antidepressant therapy at the original dose, followed by a gradual tapering and discontinuation.