

Stress from Side Effects Found in Patients on Antipsychotics

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This study is examining the differences in stress levels amongst patients currently taking an antipsychotic. The hypothesis is that participants who experience at least one side effect in response to their antipsychotic will report higher stress levels than patients who do not experience side effects. Prior research supports this hypothesis in various sample sizes and settings. The study will be conducted through CSU Stan's SONA program and be administered to college students. The study will ask participants about what antipsychotics they are taking, if any side effects are experienced, and various questions regarding their stress levels in response to their medication and/or side effects. Participants will then rate on a one to five scale how much they agree or disagree with the questions/ statements. Significant results will argue that treatment procedures need to be adapted when patients are experiencing stress from their antipsychotic to ensure all patients are receiving adequate treatment.