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# Medications for Movements

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## Movements

too few – slowness, stiffness

too many – chorea, dystonia

both happen in HD



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## Too many

avoid stimulants (caffeine, nicotine)

buildup & weight objects (utensils, cups)

adequate rest & sleep



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Too many

Dopamine blockers

Dopamine depleters

Glutamate blockers

Others



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## Dopamine blockers

Haloperidol and “classic neuroleptics”

Quetiapine and “atypical neuroleptics”

Sulpiride, tiapride - Europe



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Dopamine depleters

Tetrabenazine



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## Glutamate blockers

Amantadine

Memantine

Riluzole





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Other

Clonazepam



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Too few

levodopa

pramipexole and other “agonists



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## Principles of Drug Treatment

Use when movements interfere with function

Start low and go slow (usually)

Re-evaluate frequently – is it worth it?



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