

Treatment of Depression in Dementia

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Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs)

DRUG	STARTING DOSE	THERAPEUTIC DOSE
CITALOPRAM	10mg/day	20-40mg/day
SERTRALINE	25mg/day	50-100mg/day
FLUVOXAMINE	25mg/day	100-150mg/day
PAROXETINE	It does have anticholinergic activity and therefore is not usually a first choice.	
FLUOXETINE	It has a very long half life, which may mean very prolonged side effects. Other SSRIs are easier to titrate.	

Serotonin Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors (SNRI)

DRUG	STARTING DOSE	THERAPEUTIC DOSE
VENLAFAXINE XR	37.5mg/day	150-225mg/day

Norepinephrine and Dopamine Reuptake Blocker (NDRI)

DRUG	STARTING DOSE	THERAPEUTIC DOSE
BUPROPION	100mg/day	150-250mg/day

Noradrenergic and Specific Serotonergic Antidepressant (NaSSA)

DRUG	STARTING DOSE	THERAPEUTIC DOSE
MIRTAZAPINE	15-30mg/day	30-45mg/day

Reversible Inhibitors of Monoamine Oxidase Type A (RIMAs)

DRUG	STARTING DOSE	THERAPEUTIC DOSE
MOCLOBEMIDE	100mg b.i.d.	400-500mg/day