

personality disorder. He remained in secure hospital care until 2018 when concerns about Parkinsonian symptoms led to him being referred to a neurologist and a diagnosis of Fahr's disease being made on the basis of his CT findings. He was transferred to a locked rehabilitation service in 2019 but continued to exhibit challenging behaviour on a daily basis. After a reduction in the frequency and severity of his behaviour he was discharged to a care home, but this broke down after a few months as his assaultive and sexually inappropriate behaviour re-emerged.

Results.

Discussion:

Fahr's disease is traditionally thought of as a late life neurological condition, but as with Huntington's disease neuropsychiatric symptoms of irritability, sexually disinhibited behaviour, impulsivity and aggression can occur early and may pre-date any neurological manifestations. Treatment is often difficult because of sensitivity to antipsychotic medication.

Conclusion. It is important to consider neuropsychiatric conditions in the assessment of adults presenting with antisocial behaviours, especially when these are associated with a change in overall functioning and an absence of adolescent conduct disorder. There is as yet no specific treatment for Fahr's disease, but early identification allows appropriate risk management strategies to be adopted.

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Late-Onset Tay-Sachs Disease With a Predominantly Neuropsychiatric Presentation: Case Report and Literature Review

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Aims.

Background:

Late-onset Tay-Sachs disease (LOTS) is an autosomal recessive lysosomal storage disease due to a variety of mutations in the hexosaminidase-A gene which leads to accumulation of GM2 ganglioside in the brain. It typically presents in late adolescence with a slowly progressive spectrum of neurologic symptoms including lower-extremity weakness with muscle atrophy, dysarthria, incoordination, tremor and mild spasticity and/or dystonia. Psychiatric symptoms including mood disorder, psychosis and neurocognitive symptoms occur in around 50% of cases but are rarely the presenting feature.

Methods.

Case Report:

Patient X is a 35 year old man of Irish descent currently detained in an independent hospital locked rehabilitation unit following the breakdown of a care home placement. He first presented to mental health services at the age of 17 with psychomotor agitation, rapidly changeable moods, manic-like symptoms and sexual disinhibition. He was diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and Asperger's syndrome and he had several compulsory hospital admissions over the next five years before a prolonged period of rehabilitation and discharge to a residential home for people with autistic spectrum

disorders. However, he continued to exhibit disruptive behaviour, often triggered by periods of insomnia and had further hospital admissions. When he was 31 his brother was diagnosed with LOTS and this led to him being tested and found to have the same mutation.

Results.

Discussion:

There had been no suspicion of a neuropsychiatric disorder prior to the diagnosis of the patient's brother with LOTS and he was treated with conventional psychotropic medication with limited success. However, when the case records were obtained from his first hospital admission there was evidence of dysarthria although the significance of this was not appreciated. With hindsight many of his other symptoms can be seen as indicative of a neuropsychiatric disorder.

Conclusion. It is important to take a family history and consider a neuropsychiatric condition in families with multiple affected individuals. There are as yet no specific treatments for LOTS, and management is aimed at symptom reduction and enhancing quality of life, but a number of disease modifying strategies are being investigated including enzyme replacement therapy, pharmaceutical chaperone therapy, substrate reduction therapy, gene therapy, and hematopoietic stem cell replacement therapy, making it even more important the condition is recognized early.

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Prescribing Habits of Clinicians and Medication Journey of Patients Treated for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD): Experience From a Large London Clinic

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Aims. To understand the prescribing habits and trends of clinicians in a large ADHD clinic and the medication journey of patients from point of diagnosis to the point of agreeing a shared care plan with primary care services.

Methods. This was a non-interventional retrospective study collecting information from anonymised electronic patient and prescription records. Following approval by the Clinical Governance body of the practice, in June 2023, all patients with a SCP between the years 2019 and 2021 were identified. Data collected included patient demographics, date that medication was started, discontinued, or switched along with associated reasons. Additionally, to better understand the time taken to gain publication of a SCP, the amount of clinician-patient facing time was recorded, including the number of brief follow-up appointments, number of repeat prescriptions and number of clinician to patient emails. Patient data was fully anonymised and any identifiable data removed.

Results. All but one patient was started on a stimulant medication immediately following diagnosis, in line with national prescribing