

### This Is Your Brain On Drugs

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## Your Host



#### Your Host

- Dr. Cody Armstrong, MD
- University of Texas at Austin
  - Bachelors in Business Administration
  - Management Information Systems (Major)
  - Suma Cum Laude, 2001
- United States Air Force
  - Communications and Information Officer (2001-2006)
- University of Texas Medical Branch
  - Doctorate of Medicine (2012)
- Naval Medical Center San Diego
  - Psychiatry Residency (2016)
- American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (since 2016)
- Duty Stations
  - Okinawa, Japan
  - Portsmouth, Virginia

#### Your Host

- My experience
  - 16 years of medical knowledge and experience
  - Inpatient, outpatient, consult/liaison, substance abuse
  - Assistant professor at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for 4 years
  - Attending physician and educator of medical students, residents, and fellows
  - Lectured on psychopharmacology and addiction psychiatry
  - Published 4 peer-reviewed articles in medical journals
  - Extensive experience with PTSD, depressive/anxiety symptom disorders, new onset mood and psychotic disorders, and substance abuse
  - Pursuing fellowships in lifestyle and obesity medicine

#### **Podcast Format**

- One man show
- Lecture Format
- Easy, concise, digestible pearls of everything you need to know about these medications
- Will cover all psychiatric medications methodically by class
  - Including medications related to mental health symptoms
  - And medications that treat adverse effects of these medications
- Concentration on pharmacology
- Update episodes will be periodically published
- Listener Q&A episodes
- Resources available on <u>www.punkrockpsychiatrist.com</u>
- YouTube videos available of podcast audio with lecture slides
- Instagram and TikTok posts on real-life Lifestyle Medicine
- @punkrockpsychiatrist

## Podcast Philosophy

- Punk rock ethos
  - Non-conformity and anti-authority
    - Don't do things just because others are doing it
    - Question everything and think critically
    - Do what is right and truthful
  - Anti-corporate greed
    - NO ads, NO sporsorship, NO influence from pharmaceutical corporations
  - Anti-consumerism
    - No sale of merchandise, books, study guides, or self-enrichment
    - No pay for premium content
  - DIY
    - Might not be as polished or professional as others

# Podcast Philosophy

- □ Then why the hell am I doing this?
  - Not everything is about money and I have enough
  - □ I've taken enough; time to give something back
  - For the betterment of patient care
  - The same reason why I grow a garden, build as much from scratch as possible, raise chickens, and eat whole foods and exercise BECAUSE I LOVE IT!
- Drugs are what I know but I'm more about
  - Prescribing only when its in the patients best interest
  - Deprescribing
  - Not prescribing
  - Lifestyle medicine is the cure to what ails the vast majority of us and its not as hard as you think

#### How Did I Get Interested In This?

- Medical training is very difficult
  - Internal medicine is very complicated and not always straightforward
- I have a logical mind (sometimes to a fault)
  - I found studying the mechanisms of medications to be the easiest way for me to learn the art of medicine
- I began building a comprehensive spreadsheet as an intern as a way to understand and study medications
- I then began to branch out outside of psychiatric medications
- I continue to pursue the goal of being the most knowledgeable physician on pharmacology
- Upon military retirement, I want to pass this information to as many people as possible

## Target Audience

- Medical Students
- Residents from psychiatry and beyond
- Physicians of all specialties
- Nurse practicioners
- Physician assistants
- Pharmacists
- Those affected by mental illness
- Anyone interested in learning more about how these oft demonized drugs work and how they should be properly used

#### Podcast Information Sources

- Lectures from my education and residency
- Scientific research (ie journal articles)
- Expert opinion (ie UpToDate)
- Other podcasts (So many good ones!)
- My own research
- My own personal clinical experience (16 years)
- My own personal experiences
- I do my best to diligently research and stay as up to date as possible BUT I'M NOT PERFECT!
- Listener feedback

#### Podcasts I Love and Learn From

- The Carlat Psychiatry Podcast
- Cracking Addiction
- The Curbsiders Internal Medicine Podcast
- The Docs Who Lift Podcast
- ☐ HelixTalk
- Hidden Brain
- Longevity by Design
- The Mind Gut Conversation Podcast
- NEI Podcast
- Psychiatry & Psychotherapy Podcast
- Psychopharmacology and Psychiatry Updates
- Real Life Pharmacology
- □ Where Should We Begin?

#### Difference From Other Podcasts

- My philosophy
  - Authenticity, irreverence
  - □ This is how I actually talk
- Noncommercial nature
- Organized lecture format
- Bottom line
  - I want medical practicioners to walk away from these lectures with all the tools they need to safely and effectively prescribe, deprescribe, or not prescribe the medications I will discuss
    - Non-psychiatrists can prescribe psychiatric medications
    - Psychiatrists can prescribe non-psychiatric medications
  - Better informed patients

#### Difference From Other Podcasts

- Why do all prescribers need to know about all medications?
  - May sound rhetorical but it isn't
  - You will manage all patient medications in the hospital
  - You need to know about drug-drug interactions (DDIs) with and from medications you prescribe
  - You need to know about DDIs from all the medications a patient is taking that may be causing the condition you are evaluating
  - You need to know if the treatment you are giving is causing a medical condition or vice versa

### **Podcast Topics**

- Psychiatric Medications
  - Antidepressants
  - ADHD
  - Antianxiety medications
  - Sleep Disorders
    - Insomnia, Sleep Apnea, RLS
  - Mood Stabilizers
  - Antipsychotics
  - Geriatric Psychiatry
    - Dementia, Delirium, and Parkinsons
    - BEERS Criteria
    - START STOPP Criteria

### Podcast Topics

- Psychiatric Medications
  - Lifestyle Psychiatry
  - Reproductive Psychiatry
- Substance Abuse
- Medical Assessment of Psychiatric Patients
- Other Medications
  - Obesity Medicine
  - Pain Medicine
  - Thyroid Disorders
  - Anti-hypertensives
  - Dyslipidemia Medications

### **Podcast Topics**

- Other Medications
  - Allergy Medications
  - Acid Suppressants
  - Hormone Replacement Therapy
    - Testosterone, Estrogen, Progestins, Transgender Care
  - Headache Medications
  - Constipation Medications
  - Drug-Drug Interactions
  - QT Prolongation
  - And More!!