

DIRECTIVE

To: All FHI prescribers

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Subject: Our patients who take Zyprexa

In recent months we have learned that the majority of our patients who take Zyprexa gain weight. Of more concern, however, is that many show alterations in their body chemistry, reflected by elevations in serum cholesterol, triglycerides and blood glucose.

Both Japan and Great Britain have recently issued warnings about these changes.

In future I am directing that ALL patients receiving Zyprexa from our prescribers follow this policy.

1. Be weighed on the first visit and every subsequent prescriber visit. Weights to be recorded on the medication sheet.
2. The following lab tests will be ordered three months after the initiation of treatment with Zyprexa and thereafter every six months.

Serum cholesterol
Serum triglycerides
Fasting Blood Glucose.

Thank you for your assistance in this new policy. It is in the best interest of our patients.

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