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## Network Communication Bulletin #271

**To:** All Providers

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**Subject:** Clinical Communications Update- Diabetes, lipids, metabolic syndrome and antipsychotics, Initiation and continuation of medication for Attention Deficit Disorder

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### CLINICAL COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

#### DIABETES, LIPIDS, METABOLIC SYNDROME AND ANTIPSYCHOTICS

Just a friendly reminder to providers who treat our members who have schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, and Bipolar disorder. If your patient is on an antipsychotic, best practice is to ensure they are screened annually for diabetes and recommend lab tests for metabolic syndrome. Trillium Health Resources continues to adopt the American Psychiatric Association's Practice Guidelines for the Treatment of Patients with Schizophrenia 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Refer to page 25 of The [Practice Guideline For The Treatment of Patients with Schizophrenia](#).

#### INITIATION AND CONTINUATION OF MEDICATION FOR ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER

One of Trillium Health Resources HEDIS measures for our network is Attention Deficit Disorder Initiation of pharmacological treatment and the maintenance phase for children with ADD. It is recommended that children who are started on any medication that address ADD are seen within one month to gauge their treatment regimen. Another aspect of Trillium's ADD HEDIS measure is the continuation phase of treatment which recommends at least two follow up visits within nine months following the initiation of treatment. This is done to ensure efficacy of treatment, to gauge for any side effect profile, and for possible diagnostic reconsideration. For further information please refer our [clinical practice guidelines](#).

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