

About Drugging Our Children

Since 2001, there has been a dramatic increase in the use of antipsychotics to treat children for an ever-expanding list of symptoms. The prescription rate for toddlers, preschoolers, and middle-class children has doubled, while the prescribing rate for low-income children covered by Medicaid has quadrupled. In many cases, these drugs are neither FDA-approved nor justified by research for the children's conditions.

Drugging Our Children examines the reasons behind the explosion of antipsychotic drug prescriptions for children, spotlighting historical and cultural factors as well as the role of the pharmaceutical industry. It explores the ethical and legal responsibilities and ramifications for non-MDs—psychologists in particular—who work with children treated with antipsychotics.