

Psychopharmacology Treatment by Psychiatrists: 1998 NSPP*

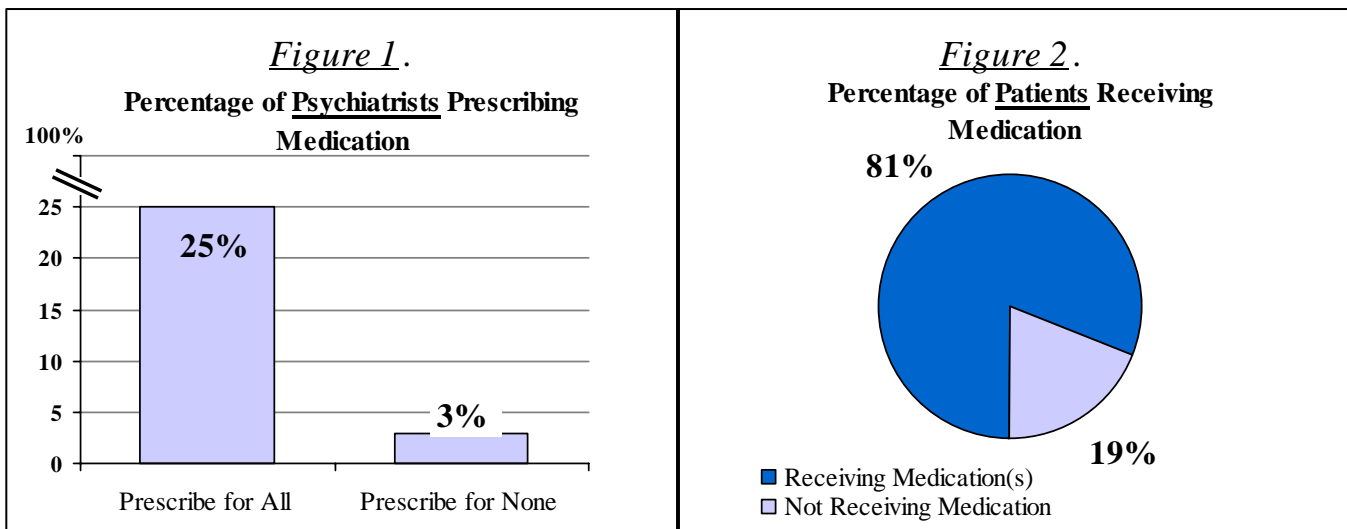
The 1998 National Survey of Psychiatric Practice (NSPP) assessed practice patterns of 1,500 randomly selected APA members. Approximately 72% responded to the survey. Selected findings regarding the psychopharmacology treatment patterns of psychiatrists are shown in the datagram below.

Figure 1.
How often do psychiatrists prescribe medication to treat patients?

Most of the surveyed psychiatrists treat more than half of their patients with medication. As shown below, 25% prescribed medications to all of their patients, while only 3% prescribed medications for none of their patients.

Figure 2.
How many patients typically receive medication as part of their course of treatment?

Psychiatrists reported that, on average, they prescribed a medication for treatment of a psychiatric disorder to 81% of their patients.



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