Steps to Adherence	Question in Survey	Definition		
Awareness	"How much have you heard or read about the recommendation to?" This question was based on a 5-point Likert-type scale ranging from "nothing at all" to "a lot."	Physicians were classified as aware if they had heard/read "some," "more than some," or "a lot."		
Agreement	"Do you agree with recommendation to monitor?" Yes/No.	 Physicians who endorsed yes were classified as those who agree. Adopters were defined as those who monitored their patients consistent with the national guidelines. Fasting blood glucose adopters were defined as those monitoring at baseline, 12 wks and 1 year or more frequently. Fasting lipid adopters were defined as those monitoring at baseline and 12 wks or more frequently. BMI adopters were defined at baseline, 4 wks, 8 wks, 12 wks and then quarterly. AIMS adopters were defined as those who monitored at baseline and at 2+ other intervals. A respondent was considered adherent if a guideline was practiced for >75% of their patients at the specific intervals recommended by the guidelines (6, 15). 		
Adoption	"At what points in time are you actually monitoring the following relative to when you start a patient on an atypical antipsychotic (check all that apply and if one time is not exactly right check the closest)?" Options to check were: not at all, baseline, 4 wks, 8 wks, 12wks, 6 months, 9 months, 1 year.			
Adherence	"The following questions pertain to the use of atypical antipsychotics in children and adolescents: Please estimate the percentage of patients who you are regularly monitoring" Options to endorse were 0%, 1-25%, 26-50%, 51-75% or 76 -100%.			

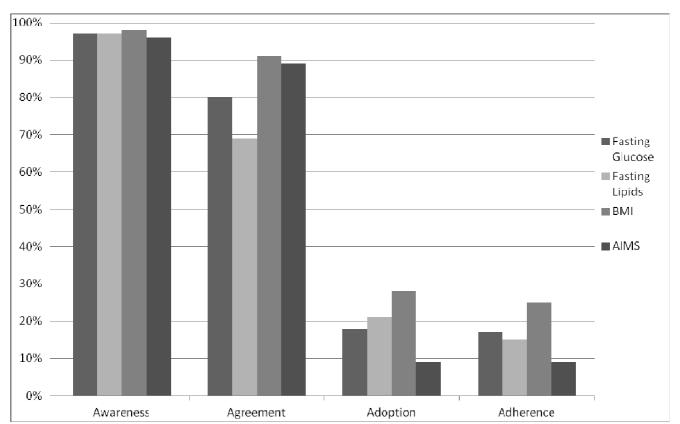
(Online Appendix Only) Table 1: Steps to Adherence in the "awareness-to-adherence" model

wks = weeks

(Online Appendix Only) Table 2 Demographic characteristics of child psychiatrists responding to a survey about monitoring of second generation antipsychotics in children and adolescents

Characteristic	N (1314)	Percent
Gender		
Male	654	50%
Female	660	50%
Years Practicing (excluding training)		
0-10	523	40%
11-20	330	25%
21-30	283	22%
> 30	178	14%
Practice Location		
Northeast	466	36%
Southeast	240	18%
Midwest	242	18%
Northwest	137	10%
Southwest	229	17%
Main Practice Type		
Solo Outpatient (Non-Acad.)	298	23%
Group Outpatient (Non-Acad.)	194	15%
Academic Outpatient	252	19%
Community Mental Health	275	21%
Inpatient (Non-Acad.)	88	7%
Academic Inpatient	53	4%
Other (this was variable with write in	154	12%
responses)		

Acad = Academic



(Online Appendix Only) Figure 1. Sequential analysis of percentage of child psychiatrists reporting awareness of, agreement with, adoption of, and adherence to second generation antipsychotic monitoring guidelines.

BMI = Body Mass Index; AIMS = Abnormal Involuntary Movements