## Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs)

| Drug Name    | Brand Name | Initial Dose<br>(mg/day) | Range<br>(mg/day) | Notes   |
|--------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Citalopram   | Celexa     | 20                       | 20 – 40           | Doses greater than 40 mg/day not recommended due to risk of QT prolongation; maximum 20 mg/day for CYP2C19 poor metabolizers or co-administration with CYP2C19 inhibitors                                     |
| Escitalopram | Lexapro    | 10                       | 10 – 20           | Maximum 20 mg/day; dose may be increased to maximum daily dose after 1 week; 5 mg tablet available, if needed   |
| Fluoxetine   | Prozac     | 20                       | 20 – 60           | Maximum 80 mg/day; dose may be increased by 20 mg increments; doses of 5 or 10 mg/day may be used as initial therapy; doses greater than 20 mg/day may be given in a single daily dose or divided twice daily |
| Fluvoxamine  | Luvox      | 50                       | 50 – 300          | Maximum 300 mg/day; daily doses greater than 100 mg should be divided twice daily with larger dose given at night   |
| Paroxetine   | Paxil      | 20                       | 20 – 60           | Maximum 50 mg/day (IR), titrate 10 mg/day increments weekly; maximum 62.5 mg/day (CR), titrate 12.5 mg/day increments weekly  |
| Sertraline   | Zoloft     | 50                       | 50 – 200          | Maximum 200 mg/day; titrate 25 mg/day increments weekly   |

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