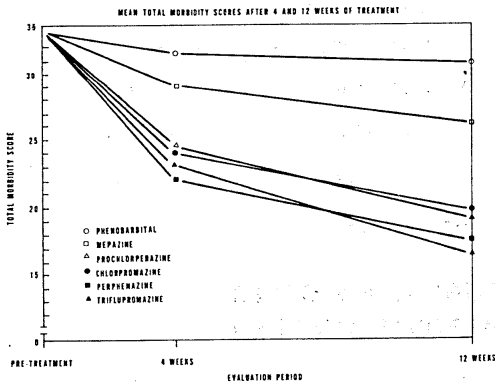


ARE SOME DRUGS BETTER THAN OTHERS ?

Yes, but it's hard to find significant differences between many like drugs. Two studies have indicated these findings:

the first, a comparative study of chlorpromazine, triflupromazine, mepazine, prochlorperazine, perphenazine and phenobarbital (1958)

the second, a comparative evaluation of chlorpromazine, chlorprothixene, fluphenazine, reserpine, thioridazine and triflupromazine. (1960)



640 NEWLY ADMITTED PATIENTS

35 HOSPITALS

12 -WEEK TREATMENT

All five phenothiazine tranquilizers better than phenobarbital; four best better than mepazine, but no difference between these four.

512 NEWLY ADMITTED PATIENTS

32 HOSPITALS

24 WEEKS OF TREATMENT

Drugs marked by asterisks were significantly better than reserpine; top five drugs not significantly different.

