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Actual lunch and break start times are at the discretion of the speaker.

A more detailed schedule is available upon request.

Speaker

Sharon Freeman Clevenger, MSN, MA, PMHCNS-BC, CARN-AP, is the founder, psychiatric nurse practitioner, and senior clinical supervisor of the Indiana Center for Cognitive Behavior Therapy in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She has national certification as an advanced practice psychiatric clinical nurse specialist with prescriptive authority, as well as senior level international certification as an advanced practice certified addiction nurse through the International Society of Nurses on Addictions. Sharon is former president of NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals.

Sharon has lectured to professional and military/law enforcement audiences worldwide. She has authored more than 50 chapters and articles and has been a guest expert on the TV show, *The Doctors*. She is the co-editor for both the therapist manual and patient handbook of *Overcoming Depression: A Cognitive Behavior Approach* (Oxford University Press, 2009), senior editor and author of *Living and Surviving in Harm's Way: The Psychological Treatment Manual for Pre-and Post-Deployment of Military Members* (Routledge, 2008), *Behind the Badge: A Psychological Treatment Handbook for Law Enforcement Officers* (Routledge, 2014), and senior editor and author of *Cognitive Behavior Therapy in Nursing Practice* (Springer Publishers, 2005).

Sharon has a Master's degree in Advance Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania, and a Master of Arts in counseling psychology from the Adler School of Professional Psychology. She is a Doctor of Science candidate in integrative healthcare at Huntington University of Health Sciences in Knoxville, TN.

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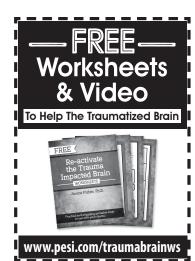
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- Placebo effects- power & how to get it to work for your client
- When to refer for medication- pearls for increasing client interest and participation
- Developing highly effective collaborations with prescribers

DEPRESSIVE DISORDERS

- Neurochemistry of depression
- Controversy regarding antidepressants and placebo- Who to treat when?
- Types of antidepressants- pearls and pitfalls of different agents
- Managing side effects
- Treatment Resistant depression and drug combinations

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- Neurochemistry of anxiety
- SGAD, panic disorder, phobias
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- Using blood levels effectively- what the prescriber may not be watching
- Treating pregnant or potentially pregnant women with bipolar disorder

PSYCHOTIC DISORDERS/ SCHIZOPHRENIA

- Neurochemistry of psychosis and schizophrenia
- Antipsychotic Medications:
- First generation (typical)
- Second generation (atypical)
- Managing side effects
- Extrapyramidal symptoms and TD
- Metabolic problems- what blood tests are needed and when
- Preventing Diabetes Mellitus
- Recognizing hyperprolactinemia- and why you need to know
- Use of atypical antipsychotics for multiple disorders
- Pregnancy and psychotic disorders

LIMITATIONS OF THE RESEARCH & **POTENTIAL RISKS**

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Specify how psychotropic medications are chosen for mood disorders and specific patient characteristics.
- 2. Analyze the actions, therapeutic uses, and side effects of antidepressants.
- 3. Assist clients in overcoming barriers that impede the efficacy of their medication regime.

- 4. Determine options for clients with treatment resistant mood disorders.
- 5. Communicate the actions, side effects, and therapeutic uses of antipsychotic medications.
- 6. Evaluate the three critical strategies for improving collaboration with prescribing practitioners.

ATTENTIONAL DISORDERS

- Differential diagnosis
- Neurochemistry of ADHD
- Controversy about treatment of ADHD with stimulants
- Substance abuse and ADHD
- Stimulant medications
- Non-stimulant options
- Managing side effects

SLEEP DISORDERS

Sleep disorders

with hypnotics

- Differential diagnosis • Chicken or the egg? What came first, sleep
- problems or mental illness Controversy about treating sleep problems
- Sleep interventions that really work
- Hypnotic medications: risks and benefits
- Alternatives to hypnotics

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

Recognizing adverse Effects

- Neurochemistry of addiction & habit development
- Drugs of abuse and interaction with psychiatric medications
- Caffeine
- Nicotine
- · Marijuana (discussion of medical marijuana, cost vs. benefit)
- Others
- Challenging the old thinking about when to prescribe for clients with dual diagnosis-what we now know
- Medication assisted treatments for addictions
- Alcohol
- Nicotine
- Cannabis - Opiates
- Behavioral addictions- what we know works

EATING DISORDERS

- Anorexia, bulimia, binge eating disorder
- Weight gain from psychotropic medications
- Recognizing medical emergencies - Standard of care for lab work
- Integrating psychotherapy with psychopharmacology

SPECIAL POPULATIONS: GERIATRIC

- Specialized guidelines for geriatric clients
- Discussion of dementia treatment
- Antipsychotic controversy

SPECIAL POPULATIONS: WOMEN

- Hormonal issues in mood disorders & anxiety
- Pregnancy and breastfeeding-
- Presenting the choices
- Resources for you and your clients
- The dangerous, the concerning and the possibly good options for psychopharmacology
- Menopause- current knowledge and agents

TREATING CLIENTS WITH COMORBID **CHRONIC PAIN**

- Neurochemistry implications- why it's critical
- When psychopharmacology can help
- Other alternative interventions

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OBJECTIVES

- . Explore psychotropic medication treatment options for clients with Attention Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder.
- . Articulate the efficacy of psychotropic medications in treating eating disorders and discuss how to integrate psychotherapy with psychopharmacology for successful treatment outcomes.
- Formulate medication treatment options for substance use disorders and discuss how to effectively incorporate medication assisted treatments into an overall plan for care.
- 4. Analyze the interaction between women's hormone levels and their mental health symptoms.
- . Explore the use of complementary and alternative agents for treatment of mental
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