Geriatric Mental Health Care Management: An Introduction

Get the latest research and best practices on community-based geriatric care management. Learn appropriate evidence-based screening and monitoring tools, and practice approaches for successful care of mental disorders in late life. This class is a component of the new Geriatric Mental Health Care Management Certificate (page 10).

Learning Objectives
- Summarize the unique functions of community-based geriatric mental health care management
- Understand the general prevalence of geriatric depression and anxiety
- Summarize teaching awareness approaches about geriatric mental illness for clients and families
- Demonstrate the ability to effectively speak to older adults about depression and treatment
- Apply evidence-based screening and monitoring for geriatric depression

Substance Use Problems and the Older Adult

Chronic and late-onset misuse and abuse of alcohol and other substances presents a serious and complex challenge among older adults. The complexities are related to co-morbid illness, medication management, and late-life loss of social networks and purpose.

Learning Objectives
- Explain how the brain responds to substance abuse in late life
- Compare and contrast the impact of alcohol on the body between older adults and the general adult population
- Identify the allowable amount of various alcohol products for persons 65+
- List three screening tools for geriatric alcohol abuse
- Describe the potential for medication mismanagement as a substance abuse issue in aging
- Explain the potential adverse side effects of alcohol on prescription medications for older adults
- Explain how Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Intervention (SBRI) can be effectively used for elderly people with alcohol problems

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