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Clinical Essentials on Autism in Children and Adolescents Overview

Module 1: Assess core *DSM-5* criteria through interview, exam, and screening measures **and** explain the practical application of clinical genetic testing in autism spectrum disorders in everyday practice.

- Topic 1: Prevalence and incidence
- Topic 2: Diagnosis
- Topic 3: Latest science and recommendations of genetic testing

Speakers: Bennett L. Leventhal, MD; Roma A. Vasa, MD; Gagan Joshi, MD; Rebecca Muhle, MD, PhD

Module 2: Describe the various evidence-based behavioral interventions for the treatment of core autism spectrum disorder symptoms.

- Topics: Theories, evidence-based, and barriers to behavioral treatment

Speaker: McLeod F. Gwynette, MD

Module 3: Discuss the evaluation of psychiatric and behavioral conditions in autism spectrum disorder.

- Topic 1: Prevalence and externalizing disorders
 - a) High prevalence of mental health problems
 - b) Review of the relationship between ADHD and ASD
 - c) Assessment of aggression

Speakers: Luther Kalb, MD; Gagan Joshi, MD; Jeremy Veenstra-VanderWeele, MD

- Topic 2: Internalizing disorders and OCD
 - a) Assessment and treatment on anxiety in ASD
 - b) Diagnosing depression of patients with autism
 - c) Prevalence of tic disorders and differential diagnosis of repetitive behavior and tics

Speakers: Roma A. Vasa, MD; Katherine Gotham, PhD; Michael H. Bloch, MD, MS

- Topic 3: Other conditions
 - a) Prevalence of gender dysphoria
 - b) How to differentiate ASD from psychotic symptoms
 - c) Overview of catatonia

Speakers: Aron Janssen, MD; Gerrit Ian Van Schalkwyk, MD; Neera Ghaziuddin, MD; Eva C. Ihle, MD, PhD

- Topic 4: Crisis behaviors
 - a) Risk factors for suicidal ideation and behavior in youth
 - b) Clinical tips to prepare families for a mental health crisis

Speakers: Lisa M. Horowitz, MPH, PhD; Roma A. Vasa, MD

Module 4: Analyze the evidence-based literature on psychopharmacological interventions for psychiatric and behavioral conditions in autism spectrum disorder.

- Topic 1: Pharmacologic management of co-occurring psychiatric condition and behavioral issues in children and adolescents with ASD
- Topic 2: Clinical case examples of pharmacologic treatment for patients with ASD

Speakers: Christopher J. McDougle, MD; Jeremy Veenstra-VanderWeele, MD