VIRTUAL PSYCHIATRIC GRAND ROUNDS

When it's not only autism: Comorbidities and their complex roles in autism

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The treatment of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is best identified by accurate diagnosis of autism and of the comorbid symptoms commonly found in individuals with ASD. Differentiation of symptoms in autism from other similarly presenting symptomatology (for example, that of trauma) will be examined in this presentation.

Current literature on ASD and comorbidity rates commonly found in individuals with this diagnosis will be introduced. Practitioners will come away with a comprehensive understanding of ASD, as well as resources to seek further education and training on interventions that are relevant to their practice with autistic clients.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- 1. List the five main diagnostic criteria that must be present for an autism diagnosis
- 2. Examine comorbidities and a validated assessment measure value for assessing comorbid symptoms in autism
- 3. Discuss three interventions for autism spectrum disorder

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