

Special Learning Webcast Overview



The Psychopharmacology of Autism Spectrum Disorders

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Format: Live 100-minute Webinar With
20-minute Q&A via Chat

CE Credits:

Eligible for 2 BCBA & BCaBA Continuing Education Credits

To Register:

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Abstract:

Psychotropic medicines are those that act primarily on the central nervous system and alter mood, cognition, and behavior. They can be an important part of treatment planning for children and adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Having a basic understanding of psychoactive medicines is necessary for optimal clinical management of people with ASD. This 100-minute webinar will provide non-medical professionals with knowledge on the use of psychotropic medicines in ASD and allow them to answer questions such as: How do these medicines work? When and why should they be considered? How do we monitor their effects? What works in children and adolescents with ASD?

We will review the following topics:

- Basic pharmacological processes
- Principles of use of psychotropic medicines
- Prevalence of use of psychotropic medicines in ASD
- Different classes of psychotropic medicines such as stimulants, antidepressants, mood stabilizers, antipsychotics, antiepileptics, and anxiolytics
- Monitoring and measuring the effects of medicines
- Clinical conditions and target symptoms associated with psychotropic medicine use
- Review of scientific studies on psychotropic medicines in children and adolescents with ASD

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This event will total 100 minutes and is designed for teachers, paraprofessionals, BCABAs and BCBAs working with children and adolescents with ASD and/or supervising direct treatment staff, and other professionals working with children with Autism and related disorders. This webcast is also appropriate for parents interested in learning about this topic.

Outcomes:

Upon completion of **the Psychopharmacology of ASD**, participants will:

1. Be familiar with the principles of use of psychotropic medicines
2. Be able to identify different psychotropic medicine classes
3. Be able to describe ways to monitor the effects of medicines
4. Be familiar with target symptoms that could be treated with psychotropic medicines

Regarding Diversity:

The content of this webinar provides information about effective service delivery systems for children and adolescents with a diagnosis of ASD and their families, across a diverse range of backgrounds. It is wholly inclusive and pertains to all young people with ASD, regardless of gender, race, culture, ethnicity, and economic status.