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Upcoming Events

- 10/22 Posttraumatic Stress following Medical Stressors: Topographical & Individual Factors Related to Adjustment
Bret Boyer, PhD
Webb Room | University Center
- 11/12 The Heart of the Matter: Concepts & Techniques in the Treatment of Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse
Constance Pelesh, MA & Panel
Webb Room | University Center
- 11/19 The Core Knowledge of Early Childhood Mental Health
Elizabeth Bogado-Briganti, PsyD
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- 12/03 Ethical Issues in Group and Family Therapy
Linda Knauss, PhD, ABPP
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Distinguished Lecture

Suicide Risk: A Guide to Assessing Imminence

Norman Weissberg, Ph.D

Tuesday, October 5, 2010

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration begins at 8:30am

Lathem Hall

Widener University

One University Place

Chester, PA 19013

3 CE credits will be offered to participants completing post-workshop forms. The Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology, Widener University, is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education for psychologists. Widener University maintains responsibility for the program and its contents.

Workshop Description

The presentation begins with an acknowledgement that the task of assessing suicidal risk is itself risky and outlines the reasons for this state of affairs. I then review the demography of suicide and provide data that challenges some common misconceptions about suicide. Next, I introduce Tom Joiner's Interpersonal Theory of Suicide and distribute, explain, and discuss a guideline for conducting a suicide risk assessment. In addition, I suggest an algorithm for utilizing and interpreting the data the guideline provides. I then offer recommendations for the management of moderate and high risk patients and end with a role play in which volunteer participants utilize the Guideline in an interview with a patient (me) who is contemplating suicide.

Objectives

Participation in this program will enable you to:

- Employ a method of assessing the likelihood that one's patient is at imminent risk of engaging in a suicidal act.
- Describe the role of suicidal ideation, mental illness and substance abuse in assessing suicidal risk.
- Increase your knowledge of the demography of suicide.
- Describe three crucial components of the process that leads some individual to convert suicidal thoughts into a suicidal attempt.

Recommended Reading

Joiner, T.E., Van Orden, K.A., Witte, T.K., and Rudd, M. D. (2009). The interpersonal theory of suicide. Washington, D.C. American Psychological Press.

Our Presenter



Norman Weissberg, Ph.D

received his Ph.D. in social psychology from the University of Michigan and was appointed an assistant professor in the Psychology Department at Brooklyn College, CUNY in 1964. During his tenure

at the college, he achieved the rank of full professor and served as Department Chair and Dean of Undergraduate Studies. At the end of his deanship, Dr. Weissberg shifted his focus and completed an APA-approved re-specialization program in clinical psychology at Hofstra University. Upon retirement from the college as an Emeritus Professor and his move to Pennsylvania, Dr. Weissberg accepted the position of Director of Training for Contact of Greater Philadelphia, an organization that maintains a suicide hot-line as part of the National Suicide Prevention. Network.

Workshop Outline

- I. The Clinician and the Suicidal Patient
- II. The Demography of Suicide
- III. Preliminaries for the Clinician
- IV. Why do some People think about killing themselves and why do some turn their thoughts into action?
- V. A guideline for conducting a suicide risk assessment
- VI. How does one manage moderate to high risk patients
- VII. Role Play

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Registration

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Norman Weissberg, Ph.D. | 10.05.10

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- \$55 for Widener Alumni Chapter Members
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