Outline

THE PERFECT PILL

Origins of Today's Psycho-affective Medications What the Body Does to the Drug What the Drug Does to the Body

Placebo vs. Nocebo Effects

WHERE DRUGS WORK

Brain Chemistry Alternations in Mental Illness

Neuroanatomy

Neurons

Neurotransmitters

Drug Mechanism of Action

The Terminal Button

Meds and Their Anatomical Site of Action

ADVERSE DRUG REACTIONS & WARNINGS

Cognitive

Nutritional (Metabolic Syndrome)

Movement Disorders

Sexual/Libidinal Problems

FDA Pregnancy Categories

Black Box Warnings

MEDICATIONS & MANAGING SIDE EFFECTS

Neurochemistry of Depression

Antidepressants

Tri-Cyclic Antidepressants

MAOIs

Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SRIs)

5-HT Syndrome

Serotonin Discontinuation Syndrome

Serotonin and Norepinephrine Reuptake

-Venlafaxine (Effexor)

-Duloxetine (Cymbalta)

Atypical Antidepressants

-Mirtazapine (Remeron)

-Bupropion (Wellbutrin)

Stimulants

Neurochemistry of ADHD

Stimulant Medications

Non-stimulant Options

Anxiolytics/Anti-Anxiety

Neurochemistry of Anxiety

Benzodiazepines

Antipsychotic Medications

Neurochemistry and Neuropathways Associated with Psychosis

Traditional Antipsychotic Medications (Neuroleptics)

Atypical Antipsychotic Medications

Mood Stabilizers/Neuromodulators

Lithium

Anti-seizure Medications

Atypical Antipsychotics

Substance Abuse

Neurochemistry of Addiction

Medications for the Addictions

Memory Medications

Acetyl Cholinesterase Inhibitors

CURRENT AND FUTURE TRENDS

Depression -- Treatment Selection for Mild. Moderate, & Severe

The New Normal: Tardive Dysphoria

Choosing Psychotherapy, Pharmacotherapy,

Diagnostic Aids & Computerized Devices

New Theories of Mental Illness & Treatment **Future Drugs**

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Live Seminar Schedule

7:30 Registration/Morning Coffee & Tea 8:00 Program begins

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4:00 Program ends

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Objectives

- 1. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the historical antecedents of psychopharmaceutical products and their relation to today's psychoaffective medications.
- 2. Analyze the more common neurotransmitters and their role in both drug action and side effects.
- 3. Discuss adverse drug reactions including nutritional (metabolic syndrome), cognitive, sexual, and behavioral toxicities associated with psychoaffective medications.
- 4. List the major classes of psychopharmacologic medications and how these medications impact illnesses.
- 5. Describe psychopharmacologic diagnostic aids, devices, and computerized applications currently available to practitioners in their clinical practice.
- 6. Create a treatment strategy for mild, moderate, and severe depression.





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All health care providers who deal with depression, anxiety and other mental health disorders will encounter treatment concerns due to psychotropic medications including the following:

- Inappropriate selection for the presenting mental health disorder
- Inadequate doses of medication
- Drug interactions
- Unpleasant and unexpected side effects

It is becoming increasingly important that all providers of mental health care become knowledgeable about the appropriate use of psychotropic medications, the mechanisms of drug action and the recognition of specific side effects. With this knowledge mental health treatment can be optimized for patients. Attend this seminar and expand your knowledge pertaining to the safe and effective application and management of psychotropic medications.

Speaker



Perry Buffington, Ph.D., M.S., has over 20 years of experience in the medical consulting field and is a full-time senior lecturer at the University of Georgia, teaching psychopharmacology at the undergraduate and graduate levels. He is former chairman of the prestigious Florida Psychological Association's Prescriptive Authority Committee and teaches seminars nationwide on minimizing psychopharmacological errors. As the author of eight books (currently working on his first psychopharmacology text), his by-line has appeared in hundreds of periodicals including the Saturday Evening Post, USA

Today, and Success. He is the former contributing editor for Delta Air Lines' in-flight magazine, Sky, and served as a syndicated newspaper/web columnist for Universal Press. Additionally, he hosted his own radio show, syndicated nationally, by Envison Radio Networks.

Perry's presentation style is engaging, a blend of education and entertainment; as a result, critics (and especially his students) applaud his ability to make complicated topics understandable and applicable – even useful!

Speaker Disclosures:

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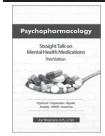
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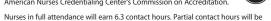
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