### **Outline**

#### **Moral Injury Defined**

Actions counter to an individual's moral code

Guilt and/or shame and/or self-blame Failure to act

Psychological, social, behavioral, and spiritual impacts

Who experiences moral injury

#### **Why Moral Injury Happens**

Fight, flight, flee survival response Loss of context can change behavior (Abu Ghraib and torture)

Acts of comission or omission in war

The necessity of making fast, life-ordeath decisions in medical or other contexts (such as COVID)

#### **How to Identify Moral Injury**

Moral Injury Events Scale (Nash et al.,

Moral Injury Questionnaire (Currier et al., 2015)

Clinical interview

**Objectives** 

from traumatic events.

Overlap with DSM-5™ PTSD symptoms

#### **Addressing Moral Injury in Clinical Practice: Clinical Insights and the Latest Research**

Guilt vs. shame

Effective strategies for working through guilt

Prolonged Exposure, EMDR, Cognitive Processing Therapy, Psychodynamic Psychotherapy, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy

Impact of Killing Treatment Program (Maguen et al., 2017)

Trauma-Informed Guilt Reduction (Norman et al., 2014)

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**10:00** am Program begins

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1. Evaluate the clinical implications of differences between moral injury and PTSD.

3. Employ effective clinical strategies to help clients work through guilt originating

2. Assess for moral injury in clients using the Moral Injury Events Scale.

4. Analyze the latest research on the application of PE, EMDR and other

psychotherapeutic modalities in treating moral injury.

Research and treatment limitations and risks

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**Dr. Jennifer Sweeton,** is a licensed clinical psychologist, author, and internationally-recognized expert on trauma and anxiety. During her time as a clinical psychologist with the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs Dr. Sweeton worked with active service members and combat veterans who had suffered moral injuries.

Dr. Sweeton completed her doctoral training at the Stanford University School of Medicine, the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, and the National Center for PTSD. Additionally, she holds a master's degree in affective neuroscience from Stanford University and studied behavioral genetics at Harvard University.

Dr. Sweeton resides in the greater Kansas City area, where she owns a group private practice, Kansas City Mental Health Associates. She is a past president of the Oklahoma Psychological Association and the Greater Kansas City Psychological Association. She also holds adjunct faculty appointments at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Dr. Sweeton offers psychological services to clients in Oklahoma, Kansas, and internationally, and is a sought-after trauma and neuroscience expert who has trained thousands of mental health professionals in her workshops.

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