Outline

The Brain-Body View of Anger: Enhance Anger Management with a Neuroscience Perspective

Evolutionary psychology of anger Anger systems in the brain and threat perception Neurophysiology of anger v. fear Limbic, PFC & TPJ Fight-Flight-Freeze

The Mind View of Anger: How Perfectionism and All-or-Nothing Thinking Keep Clients Stuck in Anger

Dualistic & all-or-nothing thinking Attention tunneling/hyperfocus Perfectionism and righteous anger Righteousness as confusion/ambivalence reduction

Breathing and the survival brain

Anger, Substance Abuse and Violence

Relationship between anger and addiction Assessment of violence potential Is domestic abuse an anger management problem? Anger & self-harm

Anger Management as Fear Management: Teaching Clients to Distinguish Real Threats from **Paper Tigers**

Real fears Symbolic fears Courage of acceptance Escape of action ("To act out is to run") An informal typology of anger - how anger style informs treatment approach

Motivate the Unwilling:

4 Steps to Greater Engagement with Angry and **Avoidant Clients**

Mood/affect stabilization Relational stabilization Impulse control Damage control

Short-Term Anger Management Solutions: A 4-Session Approach to Improve Impulse Control and Self-Regulation

Session 1: Mindfulness-Based Impulse Control Training

Session 2: Choice Awareness Training & Pattern Interruption

Session 3: Symbolic Threat Inoculation Session 4: Bottom-Up Self-Regulation Facilitating homework compliance Real life anger management practice

Long-Term Anger Management: Strategies and Techniques for Lasting Behavioral Change

Attributional retraining - help clients to not take things personally

Effort acceptance – exercises to stop feeling shortchanged

Learning from fear & rascal sages

Relativity training to overcome righteous anger Neurobehavioral empathy training & mirroring to promote relational stability

Neuroendocrine time-out & social fasting

Assertiveness training – teach clients to set healthy boundaries

Techniques to communicate anger without aggression

Group work - strategies to reinforce skill acquisition

Eastern know-how of equanimity – from anger to compassion

Manage politically and ideologically provocative client self-disclosures in therapy

Research, Treatment Risks and Limitations

Live Webinar Schedule - both days (Times listed in Eastern

8:00 Program begins

11:50-1:00 Lunch Break **4:00** Program ends

There will be two 15-min breaks (mid-morning & mid-afternoon). Actual lunch and break start times are at the discretion of the speaker. A more detailed schedule is available upon request

Objectives

- 1. Analyze the neurobiology of anger and the brain regions involved in processing anger.
- 2. Investigate behavioral and bodily effects of anger and its influence on cognition.
- 3. Evaluate the clinical implications of the association between anger and substance abuse.
- 4. Analyze how mindfulness techniques can be used to help clinicians engage reluctant and treatment resistant clients.
- 5. Employ mindfulness training and diaphragmatic breathing techniques that diminish the body's fight-or-flight response.
- 6. Practice mindfulness skills that effectively intervene in dysfunctional thoughts and judgmental beliefs.
- 7. Investigate the relationship between anger types and problem behaviors in clients.
- 8. Investigate how clinicians can frame anger problems in a humanistic and compassionate manner that leverages client rapport and client insight.
- 9. Employ strategies to help clients leverage acceptance of others to diminish angry externalizations and displacement of frustration.
- 10. Employ mindfulness strategies to decrease levels of impulsivity and aggressiveness in angry clients.
- 11. Investigate the use of Yalom-style process-focused groups to reinforce skill acquisition and responsiveness in the treatment of anger and aggression.
- 12. Investigate how clinicians can navigate politically and ideologically provocative client self-disclosures in therapy.

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Meet Your Speaker

Pavel Somov, PhD, is a licensed psychologist in private practice with over 20 years of clinical experience working with anger management, shame, guilt, self-criticism, eating issues, and perfectionism. He has worked in a variety of clinical settings including running a drug and alcohol treatment program in a county jail.

Dr. Somov is on the advisory board for The Mindfulness Project (London, UK) and has conducted a variety of trainings for mental health professionals both domestically and internationally on applying mindfulness-based interventions to a variety of psychological issues.

His work has been discussed in a number of radio interviews and in print publications including Martha Stewart's *Body + Soul Magazine* and Oprah Winfrey's *O Magazine*. Dr. Somov is the author of *Anger Management Jumpstart: A 4-Session Mindfulness Path to Compassion and Change* (PESI Publishing, 2013) as well as a number of self-help books on perfectionism, overeating, and addiction.

Speaker Disclosure:

Financial: Pavel Somov maintains a private practice. He receives royalties as an author for New Harbinger Publishing and PESI Publishing & Media. Dr. Somov receives a speaking honorarium from PESI, Inc. Non-financial: Pavel Somov is a member of the American Psychological Association and the Greater Pittsburgh Psychological Association.

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