### **Outline**

#### **Etiology of Dissociative Identity Disorder**

Attachment: secure, avoidant, ambivalent, disorganized Dissociation: DSM 5 Continuum History and Prevalence: developmental model, inaccuracy of the sociocognitive model Research limitations and potential risks

#### **Diagnostic Process: False Negatives, False Positives and Co-Morbid Disorders**

Initial Assessment Interview: important questions often overlooked DSM 5 Criteria Co-morbid disorders False positives and false negatives Case study demonstrating detailed steps

#### Working with Memory Gaps, Rapid **Switching and Other Treatment Challenges**

Maximize attunement: therapist to themselves, therapist to client, and client to themselves Finding ways around dissociative barriers How to handle secrets and unreliable memory Decompensation: how to work with rapid

Compassion fatigue and the dangers of countertransference

#### **Stabilize the DID Client:** Strategies for Resourcing, Working with Alters, Safety Issues and More

**Resourcing Domains** Outside Intervention Mindfulness Cognitive-Imaginative

Somatic

Getting to Know Alters

Questions to Ask

Types of Alters

Importance of Protectors

Child and Adolescent Alters

#### Safety Issues

Ongoing abuse

Suicide assessment and prevention

Creating a trauma list without re-traumatizing the client

#### **Trauma Specific Work with DID Clients**

Determine which alters need to be involved in the processing

Components of the traumatic memory Alters and preferred resourcing method Clinical guidance for processing

How to end the session and return the client to the present

Safety planning

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# **Objectives**

- 1. Analyze the role of attachment wounds and early childhood trauma in the development and treatment of clients with dissociative disorders.
- 2. Use dissociative-related enquiries in initial assessments to better identify dissociative symptoms in clients.
- 3. Differentiate dissociative identity disorder from other disorders to make more accurate diagnoses and avoid false positives or false negatives.
- 4. Use cognitive and somatic approaches to aid in the stabilization phase of treatment in clients
- 5. Manage rapid personality switching with in-session strategies to lessen disruption to the therapeutic process.
- 6. Use trauma-focused approaches to improve traumatic memory processing in the treatment of clients with DID.

## Dissociative Identity Disorder:

Diagnosis, Stabilization and Complex Trauma Treatment in Clients with DID

When clients come to you seeking relief from their traumatic pasts it feels like familiar work. Difficult,

But in cases of extreme past abuse, you may have clients who seem to be losing time. Not remembering things they've said and done.

You may even encounter multiple identities that can alarm you.

Despite deeply entrenched views, studies suggest dissociative identity disorder is more prevalent than once believed. And if you treat trauma, the likelihood of you encountering a client with DID may be higher than you think.

Without a therapeutic plan, you could find yourself unnerved, unprepared and unable to help when these clients show up in your caseload.

Greg Nooney is the author of *Diagnosing and Treating Dissociative Identity Disorder* (NASW Press, 2022). A therapist for more than 35 years, he's worked with hundreds of clients with severe trauma, dissociative symptoms, and dissociative identity disorder.

Join him for this one-day webinar and discover a step-by-step guide on how you can diagnose, stabilize and treat trauma in these complex clients.

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A highly respected trainer on trauma-related dissociation, dissociative identity disorder, ethics, narrative therapy practices, treating severe trauma, and burnout, Greg shares his years of knowledge and clinical experience with professionals at seminars and conferences throughout the country.

He has worked in mental health centers, psychiatric hospitals, private practice and most recently at Burgess Health Center where he was the director of the mental health section for a decade. He is an adjunct instructor at the University of Iowa School of Social Work and has served as a field instructor for Master of Social Work Students at the University of Iowa, University of Nebraska, and the University of North Carolina. Greg earned his master's in social work from Loyola University in Chicago and is available to provide workshops and trainings as well as supervision to social workers, and consultations for therapists working with clients with DID. He can be contacted through his website at www.gregnooney.com.

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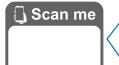
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