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HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATIONAL WEBINAR:

Treatment of Behavioral Variant Frontotemporal Degeneration

Thursday, April 13, 2023 | 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm ET

Continuing Education Credits Available

Join Dr. Simon Ducharme, a neuropsychiatrist, researcher, and expert specializing in FTD as he presents on the treatment of behavioral variant FTD (bvFTD). This webinar is designed specifically for primary care physicians, neurologists, psychiatrists, geriatricians and other clinical specialists.

Dr. Ducharme will discuss treatment considerations for bvFTD symptoms as well as non-pharmacological approaches for disease management. This includes an overview of pharmacological treatments for common behavioral symptoms such as apathy, agitation, anxiety, and obsessive-compulsive behaviors, as well as the lack of evidence for approved Alzheimer's treatments in FTD.

He will also highlight the importance of education of family members about best practices for communication and environmental adaptations to respond to behavioral challenges. The program will close with a review of current research related to symptomatic bvFTD treatment.

Upon completion of this activity, learners will be able to:

1. List two treatments that can be effective with bvFTD symptoms.
2. Recognize the potential adverse reactions to psychotropic medications in FTD.
3. Describe the value of non-pharmacological interventions for a person with bvFTD and their family caregivers.



Simon Ducharme, MD is a Neuropsychiatrist and a clinician-scientist at the Douglas Mental Health University Institute and the Montreal Neurological Institute. He is specialized in frontotemporal dementia, and the interface between psychiatric disorders and dementia. His research program uses advanced neuroimaging techniques and other tools to develop diagnostic biomarkers for FTD. He is in charge of several innovative clinical trials on dementia and is the author of over 115 scientific articles and 7 book chapters. Dr. Ducharme is the director of the McGill Division of Geriatric Psychiatry & Neuropsychiatry and the director of the American Neuropsychiatric Association committee on research.

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