



Substance-Use Disorder and the Older Adult: A Hidden Reality

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Substance-use disorder is not usually associated with the older population, but as the Baby Boomer population continues to age, substance use/misuse is becoming more of a public health concern. Substance-use disorder is not limited to alcohol or prescription drug use in the older adult. Recreational and illicit drug use is also on the rise. This presentation will discuss the prevalence of substance use in the older adult and its impact on physical and mental health. Our discussion will touch on the social implications of this problem and provide resources that assist with recognition, prevention and treatment for older adults with substance-use disorder.

Following this presentation the participant will be able to:

1. Understand the prevalence of substance-use disorder in the older adult.
2. Identify both physical and psychiatric signs of substance-use disorder specific to the older adult.
3. Discuss social implications of substance-use disorder in the older adult.
4. Become familiar with resources for recognition, prevention and treatment of substance-use disorder in older adults.

- The Optimum Life CE series is a pre-recorded webcast.
- This program was submitted for approval to the following governing bodies and their required pre-approval statements listed below. The program is approved for CE credit when presented in the month listed.
- Call (312) 977-3711 for more information about contact hours.
- This program has been submitted (but not yet approved) for Continuing Education for 1.0 hour from NAB/NCERS.
- This activity is pending approval from the National Association of Social Workers.
- This program has been submitted to The Commission for Case Manager Certification for approval to provide board certified case managers with 1.0 hour.
- Brookdale Senior Living Inc. is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #0221.
- This course is approved by the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative.
- This activity has been submitted to the Ohio Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. The Ohio Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation (OBN-001-91).