#### **Outline**

#### **PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS**

Core Pharmacological Principles

Brain structures & circuits involved in:
Emotional regulation

Executive function & inhibitory control Reward & pleasure

Learning & memory

Receptors and neurotransmitters important in the actions of psychopharmacological agents

Biogenic amines

Excitatory & inhibitory neurotransmitters Endorphins & endocannabinoids

 Your Role in Combined Psychological & Pharmacological Treatments

Collaboration & communication with prescribing professionals

Manage the combined treatments
Referrals for medication

Client psycho-education

Monitor drug effects & side effects Promote adherence to combined

treatments

### DRUGS USED IN THE TREATMENT OF DSM-5° MENTAL DISORDERS

Depressive Disorders

Neurobiology of depression

Drugs used to treat depressive disorders

Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs) Effects, side effects, and cautions

Suicide risk & discontinuation syndrome

Serotonin syndrome

Serotonin-Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors (SNRIs)

Effects, side effects, and cautions

Atypical antidepressant agents

Effects, side effects, and cautions Tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs)

Effects, side effects, and cautions

Why were newer drugs needed?

MAO inhibitors

Effects, side effects, and cautions

Choosing an antidepressant

What if first-line antidepressants do not work?
 Augmentation with antipsychotics

What about herbs like St. John's Wort?

Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorders

Biological theories of schizophrenia "Typical" & "atypical" antipsychotic drugs Effects, side effects & cautions – similarities &

differences Latest evidence-based comparisons

Drugs for treatment-resistant schizophrenia
Other uses of antipsychotic drugs

Bipolar Disorders

Biological theories for bipolar disorders Drugs used to treat bipolar disorders

A prototype agent-lithium Effects, side effects & cautions

enticonvulsants

Anticonvulsants

Effects, side effects & cautions

Antipsychotics – approved agents Combination drug therapy

Anxiety, Obsessive-Compulsive & Sleep-Wake Disorders
 The neurobiology of anxiety-related disorders

The structure of sleep
Drugs used in the treatment of anxiety &

insomnia
Benzodiazepines & Benzodiazepine-like

drugs
Misuse of these drugs in treatment

SSRI's & other drugs used to treat anxiety

 Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder & Neurocognitive Disorders (Dementia) ADHD

Psycho-stimulants

Effects, side effects & cautions

Alpha-Adrenergic Agonists Major neurocognitive disorders

Drugs used in the treatment of cognitive impairment

Future treatments

Prescription Drug Abuse

Mental disorders & risk of comorbid

prescription drug abuse

Classes of drugs that are frequently abused Stimulants

Sedative-hypnotics

Opiates

Strategies for the prevention & early identification of prescription drug abuse

LIMITATIONS OF THE RESEARCH AND POTENTIAL RISK

### Objectives

- Communicate the neurotransmitter systems and neuroanatomy underlying the biological basis for mental disorders and pharmacotherapy.
- 2. Evaluate the role of mental health professionals who treat clients receiving both psychotherapeutic medications and psychotherapy.
- Analyze the major classes of drugs used to treat mental disorders and which mental disorders are appropriately treated with each class of drugs.
- 4. Compare the effects and side effects of various psychotropic medications, including antipsychotics, antidepressants, benzodiazepines and anticonvulsants.
- 5. Determine the abuse liability of drugs used in the treatment of anxiety, insomnia, pain and ADHD.
- 6. Implement methods for prevention and early identification of prescription drug abuse among clients.

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### Speaker-

**Alan S. Bloom, Ph.D.,** is professor of pharmacology and toxicology at the Medical College of Wisconsin where he teaches psychopharmacology to medical students and neuroscience graduate students. He earned a joint Ph.D. in psychology and pharmacology and consults regularly with psychiatrists and attorneys in drug abuse and other pharmacology related cases.

Dr. Bloom has conducted extensive research on the impact of drugs of abuse (marijuana, cocaine, etc.) on the brain through use of functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI). He also directed research on the cognitive effects of chemotherapy drugs administered to women with breast cancer, commonly known as "chemo-brain". His studies have been funded by the NIH and other national organizations and reported in an extensive number of publications and presentations. Dr. Bloom has served on the NIDA Center grant review panel and is an appointed member of the Controlled Substance Board of the State of Wisconsin.

Dr. Bloom is a strong and experienced presenter providing lively, information-packed seminars. He encourages the active learning of participants through application of the material in case studies and problem-based learning. In 1997 he was elected to membership in the Medical College of Wisconsin Society of Teaching Scholars.

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