# **Outline**

#### **Assessment of Sexual Health Issues**

The impact of the Internet on sexuality Sexuality's impact on presenting issues

Self-assessment strategies for clinician bias Treat sex like a behavior—not a disease

Allow the client to explore ambivalence Is sex a cause or symptom?

Holistic perspective to evaluating sexuality

Principle-based model of sexual health

Assessment tool: Sexual sensation seeking scale Sex addiction

Limitations of research & potential risks

# Sexting: Assist Teens & Adults with the Safe Use of Technology

Sex, technology & changing social values Legal ramifications of teen sexting Sexting's impact on body image

Mitigate effects of bullying, harassment & exploitation

Educate teens about safety & responsibility Help teens choose a "cyber buddy"

Harm-reduction strategies for sexting

Case studies: Teen sexting & adult sexting

## Pornography: Help Clients Achieve Healthy Use of Pornography

Resolve moral/religious conflicts about porn use Assess ideals of sexual property within relationships Assist couples in negotiating boundaries around pornography use

Minimize attention & focus on problems Help clients take proactive steps to make values-consistent decisions easier

Strategies for healthy porn use

Case Studies: Healthy & unhealthy porn use

### Casual Sex: Strategies to Help Clients Balance Values & Sexual Activity

Casual sex & it's implications for depression Shame, stigma & female sexuality Help clients evaluate their values Determine the benefits of casual sex for the client Help clients determine if casual sex is right for them Shame reduction strategies

Case studies: Casual sex, shame & values

#### Consensual Nonmonogamy: Navigate the Complexities of Non-Traditional Relationships

Types of open relationships

The impact of nonmonogamy on families, children & mental health

Issues to Address in Therapy

Is nonmonogamy right for the relationship?

Create boundaries Time sharing

Communication

Jealousy triggers

Case studies: Stressors on non-monogamous relationships; polyamorous and swinging relationships

# Sexual Orientations: Confidently Address Sexual Issues of Unique Clinical Populations

Gender vs sexuality

The blurring line between heterosexuality & homosexuality

How is orientation determined?

What does the term mean to your client? Understand the function of the term for the client Assist clients with understanding orientation as part of their healthy sexuality

Support transgender kids & teens in therapy Case studies: Transgender teens; sexual fluidity

### **BDSM & Kink: Nonjudgmentally Discuss** Personal Sexual Issues with Clients

Paraphilic disorders vs paraphilia

Common misconceptions

Ask, "What does BDSM/Kink mean to vou?" Separate trauma from BDSM in therapy Address unwanted fantasies & fetishes Educate clients about healthy sexuality Help clients negotiate boundaries & consent

Case studies: What's the real problem here?



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# **Objectives**

- 1. Integrate clinical harm-reduction strategies in session in order to reduce the client risk associated with sexting.
- 2. Utilize clinical interventions to resolve moral and religious conflicts about pornography use in clients to improve clinical
- 3. Develop an increase in clients' sexual integrity and self-control through shame-reduction treatment interventions.
- 4. Distinguish between healthy sexual diversity and sexual symptoms of emotional disturbance related to PTSD, anxiety, depression and personality disorders.
- 5. Apply a nonjudgmental diagnostic framework towards a client's sexual interests and behaviors.
- 6. Implement techniques for helping clients and their families understand and contextualize their sexuality in order to reduce sexuality-related fear and shame.



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- Help clients who have become socially isolated because of shame and fear regarding their sexual interests
- Strategies to help teens who are being bullied or harassed because of sexting

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# Speaker

**DAVID LEY, PhD,** is a licensed psychologist and internationally-recognized expert on issues related to sexuality, pornography and mental health. He has served as an expert consultant for numerous media outlets, appearing with Anderson Cooper, Katie Couric, Dr. Phil, Tom Ashbrook and Dan Savage. He has also been interviewed in publications ranging from the LA Times to the London Telegraph, and he has published extensively in both the academic and pop realms of literature. His books, *The Myth of Sex Addiction* (2012) and *Insatiable Wives* (2009), were revolutionary explorations of sexual issues which blended a powerful client-centered narrative with a rich understanding of psychology, biology and sociology.

Dr. Ley has provided treatment around sexuality-related issues for over 20 years, ranging from treatment of sexual offenders to counseling alternative-sexuality couples and individuals. He has consulted with treatment programs around the world about addressing sexuality issues in their treatment. At the same time, he is executive director

of a large behavioral health and substance abuse outpatient program and supervises treatment to thousands of patients every year. As a result, Dr. Ley is able to bring a broad, practical approach to help mental health clinicians effectively address sexuality-related issues.

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