# **Outline**

#### **MEDS 101**

Case study Reasons to be knowledgeable about psychiatric medications Lessons from other disciplines Pharmacy Nursing Ethics guidelines The common questions clients have about their medications Handling differences of opinion between yourself and a prescribing professional

#### **GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE NERVOUS** SYSTEM

Organization of the nervous system Structure of the neuron Communication between neurons How medicines interact with the nervous system

#### **DEPRESSION MEDICATIONS**

Neurobioloav SSRIs and SNRIs Mechanism of action Benefits and adverse reactions Medications in these categories Case study

#### **ANXIETY DISORDER MEDICATIONS**

DSM-5<sup>®</sup> anxiety categories Deconstructionist approach taken by prescribers Neurobiology SSRIs and Benzodiazepines Mechanism of action Benefits and adverse reactions Medications in these categories Case study

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# **Objectives**

- **1.** Define the proper role of mental health professionals who treat clients receiving both psychotherapeutic medications and psychotherapy
- **2.** Explore specific ethical issues and resolutions related to communicating with clients and prescribing professionals about psychotropic medications.
- **3.** Explain the neurotransmitter systems and neuroanatomy underlying the biological basis for mental disorders and pharmacotherapy.
- **4.** Describe the major classes of drugs used to treat mental disorders and which mental disorders are appropriately treated with each class of drugs.
- 5. Explore psychotropic medication treatment options for clients with Attention Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder.
- **6.** Analyze the role that half-life plays in the efficacy of insomnia medications prescribed for clients.

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Kenneth Carter, PhD, ABPP, is a board-certified clinical psychologist and professor of Psychology at Oxford College of Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Prior to this, Dr. Carter served as a senior assistant research scientist in the Epidemic Intelligence Service of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He has been a psychotherapist and researcher for more than 20 years, during which time he has garnered awards from the National Institutes of Health, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood

Institute, and the University of Michigan. In addition to his teaching and research, Dr. Carter is actively engaged in translating psychology to everyday language. He has also appeared in magazines such as Mental Floss and Reader's Digest, as well as in news programs such as Connect with Kids and NBC's "Today Show." Dr. Carter recently published Learn Psychology, an introductory psychology textbook, with Dr. Colleen Seifert of the University of Michigan.

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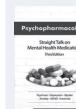


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