### 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<sup>®</sup> 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 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

- 1. 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.
- 3. 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.

Target Audience: Counselors • Psychotherapists • Psychologists • Social Workers • Nurse Practitioners • Case Managers Marriage & Family Therapists • Addiction Counselors • Nurses • Clinical Nurse Specialists • Pharmacists • School Psychologists Occupational Therapists & Occupational Therapy Assistants • Other Mental Health Professionals

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- Neurobiological underpinnings of major DSM-5<sup>®</sup> diagnoses
- Effects and side effects of drugs used to treat these diagnoses
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# Speaker

Marwa Azab, Ph.D., teaches for the Psychology and Human Development departments at Cal State University, Long Beach, (CSULB). She has also taught for the Biology department at University of California, Irvine (UCI). Marwa studied psychology for many years and completed a masters in Counseling. She has facilitated many groups such as anger management, stress management, interpersonal communication and many others for patients suffering from a variety of mental disorders. After many years of addressing human behaviors from a psychological perspective, she realized that there were blind spots that needed to be satiated from complementary fields. Thus, she completed a Ph.D. in Biological Sciences with emphasis on Neuroscience. Marwa started life coaching utilizing an interdisciplinary approach that intersects psychology, biology and genetics.

Marwa is a sought after international public speaker who is invited to speak on a variety of interdisciplinary topics, including three TEDx talks. She recently published her first book titled, Anxiety Disorders: New Science on Mind-Body Connections and Healing and blogs for Psychology Today, her blog is called "Neuroscience in Everyday Life". You can connect with her on her Facebook page: www.facebook.com/DrMarwaAzab.

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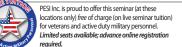
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