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Forensic Assessment of Malingering and Related Response Styles Handout Materials

Description

This advanced workshop provides a conceptual framework for understanding malingering and related response styles with an emphasis on validated detection strategies. Its primary focus is an in-depth examination of feigned mental disorders. Coverage includes specialized screens (e.g., M-FAST and SIMS) and multiscale inventories (e.g., MMPI-2 and PAI) and a specialized feigning measure, the SIRS-2. As a secondary focus, feigned cognitive impairment will be examined including the validity of the Slick criteria and the effectiveness of cognitive-feigning detection strategies. Case material will be provided for participants' analyses.

Learning Objectives

- Critically examine DSM-IV and Slick (MND) models of malingering
- Develop a conceptual understanding for explanatory models of malingering
- Evaluate current myths and misconceptions about malingering
- Review detection strategies for feigned mental disorders
- Examine clinical uses and misuses of the MMPI-2, MMPI-2-RF, and the PAI
- Learn about the SIRS-2 and its forensic applications
- Examine detection strategies for feigned cognitive impairment
- Critique a forensic report of malingering for its errors and omissions

PowerPoint

PowerPoint handouts are made available for the convenience of participants. Two caveats are in order: First, not all the training materials are included—either for proprietary reasons or training purposes. Second, these materials do not reflect last-minute modifications.

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