

Geriatric Certificate Training (GCT) Booster: Substance Use in Older Adults

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Learning Objectives

- List the different types of addiction present in Older Adults
- Describe the intersection of addiction, substance use, substance misuse, mental health and physical health
- List common risk factors and warning signs associated with addiction
- Identify manifestations of addiction in older adults who have chronic pain, terminal illness, or dementia
- Identify specific implications of marijuana and cannabis use and misuse in older adults
- Describe treatment options for older adults living with addiction



<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Introduction/Objectives
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Self-Inventory; Introduction to Content; Group Exercise(s)
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am- 12:00 pm	Late Life Addiction; Risk Factors & Warning Signs; Group Exercise(s)
12:00 pm- 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Mental Illness: Medical Conditions; Considerations; Assessment
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Break
2:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Treatment; Review Self-Inventory; Vignettes & Group Exercise(s)
4:00 pm – 4:15 pm	Wrap-Up: Questions, Comments
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Post Test, and Evaluations