New Online CE Course on Epilepsy from HealthForumOnline

HealthForumOnline (HFO) a provider of nationally-approved online continuing education (CE) has added a course entitled The Excitable Brain: What Every Clinician Should Know About Epilepsy to their extensive library of over 80 online CE courses for psychologists, social workers, counselors, nurses, and allied health professional,. A neurological disorder affecting millions worldwide, epilepsy remains one of the most misunderstood and misdiagnosed neurological disorders. Often patients are misdiagnosed with psychiatric illness or attentional disorders before proper diagnosis, increasing their risk for repeated seizures and resultant cognitive and neurobehavioral changes. This online CE course presents information to health care providers to facilitate their role in the assessment and treatment of Epilepsy from a behavioral medicine perspective.

Philadelphia, PA (PRWEB) July 24, 2012 -- HealthForumOnline (HFO), a nationally-approved (APA, ASWB, NBCC, PSNA, CA-BBS) provider of online continuing education (CE) for psychologists, social workers, counselors, nurses and other allied healthcare professionals is pleased to announce a new course to HFO’s extensive online CE resource library entitled The Excitable Brain: What Every Clinician Should Know About Epilepsy.

An estimated 50 million people worldwide have epilepsy. In the United States alone, approximately 3 million people are affected with epilepsy or seizures with an annual cost of approximately $17 million in direct and indirect costs. In fact, it is estimated that 10% of Americans will experience a seizure in their lifetime. Although epilepsy has a major impact on public health, this disorder rarely receives public attention or the amount of research funding necessary to make advances in prevention and treatment (e.g., Reuber & Mayor, 2012; Trevathan, 2011).

Since epilepsy is not a disease but a symptom of multiple and various causes, the chances of having patients with either seizures or epilepsy are great. Frequently, clinicians see patients with brain tumors, stroke, traumatic brain injury, genetic disorders, and dementia, all which may cause seizures or epilepsy. With the growing number of soldiers returning from war with traumatic brain injury and with the aging population in the United States, the number of patients who have epilepsy is expected to increase in the upcoming decades (e.g., Salinsky, et al., 2011).

In the epilepsy context, misdiagnosis is common and places patients at an increased risk for repeated seizures and resultant cognitive and neurobehavioral changes. Moreover, as these patients are often misdiagnosed with psychiatric illness or attentional disorders before a getting a proper epilepsy diagnosis, mental health professionals can play a pivotal role in diagnostic redirection and the behavior management of disease-related symptoms and stress.

Psychologists, social workers, counselors, nurses and other allied health professionals can chose from HFO’s 19 categories of continuing education (CE) topics related to health psychology and behavioral medicine (i.e., ethics, cancer adaptation, women’s health, cultural diversity, eating disorders, reproduction/sexuality, aging/gerontology, pediatric behavioral medicine, assessment, chemical dependency, chronic/acute illness, clinical intervention, group therapy, infectious disease, long-term care, neuropsychology, pain management,
spirituality/mindfulness, LGBT issues) containing over 80 online CE courses that are fast, convenient and cost-effective.

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