# Outline

### **Assess Medical Traumatic Stress:**

How medical trauma differs from other types of trauma

- How to get the full story:
- trauma interview
- health-related anxiety
- distress thermometer

 comprehensive health history Recognize clinical disorders and biopsychospiritual crises

### The Layered Narrative of Medical Trauma:

Case conceptualization and treatment preparation

Experience with initial injury/illness treatment experiences

Issues in short- and long-term recovery "Disenfranchised" nature of medical trauma: how to have conversations with clients about the mind-body connection Recalibrate relationships: naming stigma, ableism, and toxic positivity Ecological model of medical trauma

### Treatment of Medical Trauma:

Integrative approach to treat clients' unique needs Identify medical trauma-related core beliefs and cognitions Engage behavioral strategies Address social constraints and systemic invalidation

Integrate health and rehabilitation psychology principles

- Illness/iniury psychoeducation
- Meaning making
- Coping with somatic trauma cues Strategies for managing insomnia
- and chronic pain Adjustment to illness or injury
- Expectation management
- Cognitive rehabilitation
- Support medical advocacy and

avoiding retraumatization Limitations of the research and potential risks

### **Case Studies:**

- PTSD and COVID-19: 36-year-old woman
- Social anxiety and irritable bowel disease: 20-year-old man
- Dependent personality disorder and congenital heart condition: 45-yearold woman

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# **Objectives**

- 1. Employ evidence-based assessments to identify mental health symptoms stemming from traumatic medical events to inform clinical treatment interventions.
- 2. Utilize the ecological model of medical trauma to develop a trauma-informed case formulation.
- 3. Practice at least two strategies for communicating effectively with clients about the mind-body connection for the purposes of improving treatment engagement.
- 4. Utilize cognitive restructuring on clients' unhelpful core beliefs and automatic thoughts centered on worth, ability, or control.
- 5. Construct behavioral experiments designed to assist clients with decreasing reactivity to medical-trauma related cues.
- 6. Integrate at least two health and rehabilitation psychology strategies into trauma treatment.

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# **Clinical Tools for Treating PTSD, Anxiety,** and Depression Following a Health Crisis

• No one is immune from health crises – restore a sense of safety after medical emergencies and lifealtering diagnoses, including COVID-19

• Discover how medical trauma and its health consequences contribute to many clinical problems

 Respond to the unique ways PTSD manifests after medical trauma

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# **Medical Trauma**

### Clinical Tools for Treating PTSD, Anxiety, and Depression Following a Health Crisis

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And they know that crisis doesn't end when the physical body is stabilized.

The impacts of medical trauma are as broad as they are misunderstood. Many mental health problems can arise from experiences like heart attack, stroke, intubation and mechanical ventilation, emergency Caesarean section, allergic reaction, seizure, accidentrelated amputation, cancer diagnosis, and more.

While some clients may have entered your practice with the **unique presentation of PTSD that results from medical trauma**, many more have likely come to you for help with other clinical issues that could be fueled by a past health crisis. Think of the client with depression who also has a history of heart failure. Or the client with social anxiety whose irritable bowel disease is listed on your intake form but never gets discussed. Or the client with dependency issues in their relationships who harbors a deeply entrenched sense of fragility related to a congenital illness.

Join medical trauma expert Dr. Sacha McBain for this one-day training that will help you understand the interconnectedness of the mind and body. You will learn to:

- conduct assessments that elucidate the mental health impacts of your clients' health histories
- develop trauma-informed case formulations that integrate health and rehabilitation psychology principles into evidence-based treatments
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# Meet Your Speaker



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