



EPA COURSE TITLE	Diagnosis and clinical management of Neurocognitive Disorders. A psychiatric perspective
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COURSE LEVEL	Intermediate
EDUCATIONAL INTENTIONS/ COURSE OUTCOMES	<p>After the course the participants shall be able: a) to make the diagnosis of Major Neurocognitive Disorder (MND)/dementia, including differential diagnosis; b) to establish a multidimensional therapeutic plan; c) to diagnose and treat the neuropsychiatric symptoms and behavioural disorders that occur in MND and c) to evaluate and advise caregivers and family members about the ethical and legal issues of MND.</p> <p>These objectives require the presence of two co-directors in the course, given the broad range of involvement of the psychiatrist in the care of dementias throughout Europe.</p>
COURSE DESCRIPTION	<p>How can we identify major neurocognitive disorder/dementia (MND) and differentiate it from normal cognitive aging and other neurocognitive disorders? How can we establish a multidimensional therapeutic plan in MND? This course will address these questions and more. The course was developed to help clinicians understand the significance of the newly defined syndrome, major neurocognitive disorder. The team of lecturers will address the disorder's definition; causes and natural history; assessment using clinical, neuropsychological and biomarkers including advanced imaging techniques; and state-of-the-art evidence-based interventions.</p> <p>Specifically, the course gives state-of-the-art knowledge on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Importance of MND/Dementia and related problems from a Public Health point of view.• Epidemiological issues and risk factors.• Diagnostic work-up including differential diagnosis.• Multidimensional clinical management plan.• Assessment and therapy of psychiatric disorders and behavioral disturbances.• Evaluation of family and caregivers. Family counseling• Ethical and legal aspects of MND/dementia.
PREREQUISITE KNOWLEDGE	The prerequisite are those of a medical education program. Participants with at least clinical experience on people with MND will benefit more from this course.
COURSE METHODS AND MATERIAL	Small group discussions; clinical vignettes; debate; slides.
TARGET AUDIENCE	Medical Doctors with interest in Old Age Psychiatry, not necessarily specialists.
RECOMMENDED READINGS	American Psychiatric Association. (2013). Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (5th ed.) Washington, DC. Neurocognitive Disorders (319). Participants will receive relevant documents and clinical guidelines prior to the course.
LANGUAGE(S)	English, French, Portuguese, Spanish