



<b>EPA COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>Diagnosis and management of mental illness in people with intellectual disability- what is different?</b>
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<b>COURSE LEVEL</b>	Advanced
<b>EDUCATIONAL INTENTIONS/ COURSE OUTCOMES</b>	Confidently assess if someone has got an intellectual disability confidently identify and diagnose atypical presentations of mental illness and treat people with intellectual disability.
<b>COURSE DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>Prevalence of mental disorders among adults with intellectual disabilities (ID) is higher than in the general population. Prevalence rates for schizophrenia in people with learning disabilities are approximately three times greater than for the general population. This is also the case for other mental illnesses such as anxiety mood disorder and dementia. However diagnosis of mental illness can be challenging due to their atypical presentation. People with ID and depression can present with challenging behaviour rather than with depressive symptoms. Communication difficulties in patients with ID further make the diagnosis challenging.</p> <p>This leads to under diagnosis or misdiagnosis of mental disorders in the ID population leading to inappropriate treatment. Although pharmacological psychological and social treatment principles are similar to non ID population such treatments need to be adapted to individuals with ID. Therefore it is important for psychiatrists to have a wider understanding of presentation and treatment of mental illness in patients with ID.</p>
<b>PREREQUISITE KNOWLEDGE</b>	Participants need be able to assess and treat mental illness in non-intellectual disability population.
<b>COURSE METHODS AND MATERIAL</b>	Case studies Video Slides Handouts
<b>TARGET AUDIENCE</b>	N/A