# **WCM Department of Psychiatry**

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Seminar Psychology CE And Physician CME Announcement

# "Exposure and Response Prevention for OCD"

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#### SPEAKER:

Dr. Lamson has no relevant financial relationship(s) with ineligible companies to disclose.

Dr. Lamson is an Assistant Professor of Psychology in Clinical Psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medicine and an Assistant Attending Psychologist at New York-Presbyterian Hospital Westchester Division. He is a licensed clinical psychologist with expertise in cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) for adults and adolescents with anxiety and mood disorders. He specializes in exposure-based therapies for OCD, phobias, and social anxiety disorder. Dr. Lamson provides a variety of clinical services including diagnostic evaluation, consultation, and psychotherapy. He serves as an administrative and clinical supervisor for postdoctoral fellows. Dr. Lamson's research interests include how social anxiety impacts threat detection and the impact of character strengths and virtues on impression formation.

### Abstract:

Exposure therapy is the most successful known treatment for phobias. Exposure therapy is a set of behavior therapy techniques commonly used to reduce pathological fear responses in OCD and in other anxiety problems such as phobias, panic attacks, and posttraumatic stress disorder which involves the patient intentionally confronting feared, but objectively safe, objects, situations, thoughts, and bodily sensations with the goal of reducing fear and other negative reactions (e.g., avoidance) to the same or similar cues.

## **Learning Objectives:**

- 1. Describe the prevalence of OCD and effectiveness of Exposure Therapy.
- 2. Examine processes that maintain anxiety.
- 3. Discuss components of Exposure and Response Prevention Treatment.
- 4. Determine training concerns when conduction Exposure Therapy.

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