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Abstract:
The presentation discusses Cornell Medicine's Psychiatry department's work in modern sexual medicine and sex therapy, initiated by Helen S. Kaplan in the late 20th century. Kaplan's work led to the establishment of Cornell's Human Sexuality Program, which was later directed by Michael A. Perelman and Richard Kogan. The program's weekly meetings shifted to a bimonthly format via Zoom due to COVID-19. The second part of the presentation focuses on Perelman's Sexual Tipping Point® model, derived from Kaplan's work, which has been advocated for clinical use by specialists and non-specialist clinicians. The presentation also examines the role of mental health professionals in the intersecting fields of sexual medicine and sex therapy.

Learning Objectives:
1. Discuss our psychiatry department’s role (beginning with Helen S. Kaplan, MD, PhD) in the development of modern sex therapy and sexual medicine.
2. Analyze the development of an expanded biopsychosocial model: The Sexual Tipping Point®
3. Explain to non-sexologist mental health professionals how they can use the Sexual Tipping Point® model to inspire hope and assist their patients with sexual issues.

References: