

Dealing with Problem Gambling in a Primary Care Setting Don't Gamble with a Patient's Health!

November 10 to December 15, 2008



Did You Know?

- 80 per cent of patients visiting a primary care physician report that they gamble and 6.2 per cent meet the criteria for gambling disorders. (Pasternak, 1999)
- 253,857 people in Ontario experience moderate problems with gambling and 78,110 experience severe problems with gambling. (Wiebe, 2005)
- It is estimated that more than 200 Canadians who experience problems related to gambling end up taking their own life every year. (Canada Safety Council, 2006)
- The family physician is often the first point of contact in the health care system for people who experience problems with gambling.

Course Description

This five-session online course will provide participants with a practical understanding of gambling and problem gambling. The course includes a webinar in week five, scheduled for December 11 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Course instructors moderate the discussions, answer questions and share their clinical expertise.

Objectives

- Learn about the range of gambling activities in Ontario.
- Recognize the signs and consequences associated with gambling problems.
- Learn how to identify gambling problems in your patients by using practical screening tools.
- Understand the treatment options and approaches for gambling problems.
- Learn about how and where to make referrals to treatment.

Target Audience: Family physicians and nurses.

Faculty

Dr. Bruce Ballon, B.Sc. MD FRCP(C)
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Accreditation

College of Family Physicians of Canada: 7.5 Mainpro-M1 credits.
Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada: 7.5
Section 1 credits.

Fees: The cost for this five-week online course is \$60.

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Enrolment is limited.

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