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**Session: Substance Use and Older Adults**

**Date and Time:** TBD

**Location:** Virtual Training (on Zoom)

**Target Audience:** Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Pharmacists, Pharmacy Techs, Psychologists, Social Workers, Peer Specialists, Case Managers, License Professional Counselors, and Public Health

**Program Overview:**

This activity will provide healthcare professionals information regarding the impact of substance use on patients age 50 and over. The training focuses on the changing face of older Americans, the impact of various drugs and alcohol on older adults, the difficulties with applying the diagnostic criteria from DSM-5 due to age-related issues, Risk and Protective Factors for Substance Use in Aging, and Create an Environment Responsive to Older Adults. By the conclusion of the training, attendees should be able to do the following:

* Review the prevalence of substance use disorder (SUD), opioid use disorder (OUD), and alcohol use disorder (AUD) among older adults
* Recognize risk factors associated with SUD among older adults
* Identify common co-occurring SUD and mental health conditions among older adults
* Discuss screening, diagnosing, and treating SUD for older adults
* Identify barriers to treatment for older adults with SUD
* Explain risk and protective factors for older adults

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| **Time** | **Topic** | **Presenter(s)** |
| 5 minutes | Welcome, Introductions, & Training Overview | * PERU |
| 20 minutes | Prevalence of Co-Occurring Disorders for Older Adults | * PERU |
| 20 minutes | Diagnostic Challenges | * PERU |
| 30 minutes | Risk and Protective Factors for Substance Use in Aging | * PERU |
| 30 minutes | Development Issues of Aging | * PERU |
| 15 minutes | Create an Environment Responsive to Older Adults | * PERU |
| 10 minutes | Questions/Discussion | * PERU |

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