Sleep Disturbance in Children and Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder

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NEEDS ASSESSMENT
Sleep disturbance is one of the most common complaints of patients with Autism Spectrum. There is a clear association between the severity of ASD symptoms and severity of sleep disturbance. Unfortunately, there is also a self-reinforcing loop where sleep disturbance can worsen ASD symptoms and severe ASD symptoms can lead to more sleep disruption. This has significant effects on quality of life and overall health. Many providers (especially adult providers) are unfamiliar with the needs of patients with ASD. This course is designed to educate sleep providers about the sleep issues specific to children and adults with autism spectrum disorder and to help them design a deliberate approach to help improve their sleep health. This course will also explore the limited evidence available around pharmacologic management of sleep disturbance in this population. This talk will address the evidence/guidance around pharmacologic intervention.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
At the conclusion of this talk, individuals will:

1. Understand that sleep disturbance is very common among children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
2. Recognize the role that co-morbid medical and mental health conditions can play in the exacerbation of sleep complaints and how poor sleep can in turn exacerbate ASD symptoms
3. Explore recommendations about how to develop a plan to evaluate and treat sleep concerns in patients with ASD
4. Review frequently considered pharmacologic therapies

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