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I25 Maladaptive Sexual Behaviors in Children and Adolescents With Pervasive Developmental Disorders

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By attending this presentation, attendees will become familiar with the existing literature regarding adaptive and maladaptive sexual behaviors in children and adolescents with Pervasive Developmental Disorders (PDD), and will learn approaches to the evaluation and treatment of these individuals.

This presentation will impact the forensic science community by raising awareness of the conditions that may result in problematic sexual behaviors in children and adolescents with PDD and of the approaches to their evaluation, risk management, and treatment.

Pervasive Developmental Disorders, a group of psychiatric conditions that includes Autistic Disorder and Asperger's Disorder, are characterized by impaired social skills, atypical communication patterns, and stereotyped behaviors. Individuals can also present with maladaptive sexual behaviors, such as public masturbation or indecent exposure. These individuals may also present with co-occurring paraphilic disorders. This presentation will review the existing literature regarding the differential diagnosis of problematic sexual behaviors in children with Pervasive Developmental Disorders. Approaches to assessment (including risk assessment) and treatment of these individuals will be discussed.

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