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Violence Risk Scale-Sexual Offense Version (VRS-SO) Training

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This full day symposium will provide an overview of the development, relevant research, administration, scoring, and interpretation of the Violence Risk Scale-Sexual Offense version (VRS-SO; Wong, Olver, Nicholaichuk, & Gordon, 2003-2017). Participants will be provided an overview of the research, development, and scoring of the VRS-SO and have an opportunity to rate the VRS-SO on sample cases to assess risk, identify treatment targets linked to sexual violence, and evaluate treatment changes. The symposium will be suitable to all who provide clinical assessment, treatment, and risk management services to adult sexual offenders, and who are interested in assessing change from treatment.

Learning Goals:

- Upon completion of this educational activity learners should be better able to extract relevant case file information required to make VRS-SO ratings.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to apply the VRS-SO to identify treatment targets (criminogenic needs) for case-by-case treatment planning.
- Upon completion of this educational activity learners should be better able to use the VRS-SO dynamic factor ratings to create an individualized need profile to assist with case conceptualization.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to utilize the modified Stages of Change Model of the VRS-SO to assess treatment readiness and measure treatment changes on identified criminogenic needs.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to correctly rate the VRS-SO and interpret the results in the assessment of sex offenders in a clinical setting.
- Upon completion of this educational activity learners should be better able to incorporate the VRS-SO into clinically useful sex offender risk assessment reports.

Mark E. Olver PhD is Professor and Registered Doctoral Psychologist (Saskatchewan) at the University of Saskatchewan, where he is involved in program administration, graduate and undergraduate teaching, research, and clinical training. Prior to his academic appointment, Mark worked as a clinical psychologist in various capacities, including providing assessment, treatment, and consultation services to young offenders in the Saskatoon Health Region and with adult federal offenders in the Correctional Service of

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Canada. Mark's research interests include offender risk assessment and treatment, young offenders, psychopathy, and the evaluation of therapeutic change. He is the co-developer of the Violence Risk Scale-Sexual Offense version (VRS-SO) and he provides training and consultation services internationally in the assessment and treatment of sexual, violent, and psychopathic persons.