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### **WED-MID-04 & WED-PM-04**

#### **Assessment and Treatment Considerations for Offenders Who Access Child Sexual Exploitation Materials**

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There is a significant increase of child sexual exploitation material offenders accessing treatment as a result of their involvement in the criminal justice system. As these offenders are coming into the criminal justice system, innovative treatment plans are expected from treatment providers. Given the unique features of such offenders, how do we assess and treat these offenders and what are their treatment needs? This workshop will examine assessment and treatment approaches for child sexual exploitation material offenders in contrast to contact offenders and/or mixed offenders. We will review assessment concerns and assessment tools currently available to clinicians for child sexual exploitation offenders and discuss associated ethical issues. We will examine empirically based treatment programs. In addition, we will examine treatment needs based on an understanding of both static and dynamic risk factors. Additional and unique treatment elements will include offence specific cognitions, Internet health, sexual fantasy, elements related to aging, as well as the use of Internet resources for treatment purposes. We will strive to address multiple client types and treatment contexts. Discussion and debate is encouraged.

This seminar is rated: Adult | Intermediate

#### **Learning Goals:**

- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to identify the unique characteristics of CSEM offenders.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to identify distinctions between “fantasy driven” and “contact driven” CSEM offenders.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to identify the strengths and weaknesses of current assessment approaches with CSEM offenders.

**Dr. Lyne Piché** is a Registered Psychologist practicing in Abbotsford, British Columbia. She has worked many years in the field of Forensic Psychology, including work in both federal and provincial correctional settings. Dr. Piché completed her graduate studies in Psychology at the Université du Québec à Montréal. Her expertise includes working with people struggling with paraphilias, sexual offenders, violent offenders as well as individuals experiencing sexual dysfunctions. She offers psychological services to government agencies as well as within her own private practice. She welcomes couples and individuals who wish to work at improving their relationships, ensure their sexual health by striving for sexual balance, increase sexual satisfaction and increase their level of intimacy with others. Currently Dr. Piché is focusing on trauma based interventions and is

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incorporating EMDR services into her clinical practice. For more information on Dr. Piché, please visit her website at [www.drlynepiche.com](http://www.drlynepiche.com)

**Dr. Anton Schweighofer** received his doctorate in clinical psychology from Simon Fraser University in 1998. His primary areas of interest have included forensic psychology and addictions. In addition to completing a Master's practicum through the Forensic Services Commission of British Columbia he also completed a doctoral level clinical internship at Foothills Hospital in Calgary, Alberta with a specialization in addictions. He accepted a position with the Correctional Service of Canada (Pacific Region) in 1997 and provided treatment and assessments for violent and sexual offenders. In 2004 he became the Senior Psychologist for Sex Offender Programming and before leaving the Correctional Service of Canada in 2009 also acted as the Chief of Psychology. He has also worked as a psychologist at the Drug Treatment Court of Vancouver and the Burnaby Centre for Mental Health and Addictions. Anton has maintained a private practice that has included forensic risk assessment and treatment since 2000. He has provided sex offender treatment services for the Forensic Services Commission since 2009 and has given presentations on sex offender issues and risk assessment at national and international conferences. He is a national trainer for the Static-99R which is the most widely used actuarial measure for predicting risk of sexual recidivism. He has also provided expert testimony to the courts with regard to sex offender issues and is on the list of those designated to provide Dangerous Offender assessments as an amicus curiae. Finally, He is also a member of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) and served as the co-chair person at the 2011 ATSA conference.