Essentials of neuropsychiatry for psychiatrists: Epilepsy and Parkinson's Disease

Date: Friday 29 January 2027
Venue: Online via Events Air

Time	Session 1 – Epilepsy Chair: Dr Rachel Thomasson
9.30am	**Welcome and general introduction** Dr Rachel Thomasson, Consultant Neuropsychiatrist, Manchester Centre for Clinical Neurosciences
9.35am	**Overview** • *Overview of epilepsy* • *Differentiation of epilepsy and functional seizures* • *Dual diagnosis of epilepsy and functional seizures* Dr Maria Oto, Consultant Neuropsychiatrist, Scottish Epilepsy Centre
10.05am	Questions/videos
10.15am	**Mood and anxiety** • *Affective symptoms associated with seizures: affective prodromes; post-ictal dysphoria; post-surgical mood disturbance; focal seizures versus spikes of anxiety* • *Medication management – role of anticonvulsants; use of antidepressants* Dr Manny Bagary, Consultant Neuropsychiatrist, Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Trust
10.45am	Questions/Cases
10.55am	**Break**
11.25am	**Epilepsy and psychosis** • *Psychotic symptoms associated with seizures- prodromes; post-ictal psychosis; interictal psychosis* • *Management including use of antipsychotics and interaction with anticonvulsants*

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	Dr Maria Oto
11.55am	Questions/cases
12.05pm	**Functional seizures** • *Psychological management* Dr Jane Vinnicombe, Consultant Clinical Neuropsychiatrist, Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
12.35pm	Questions/cases
12.45pm	**Lunch**
	Session 2 – Parkinson's Disease **Chair: Professor Eileen Joyce**
1.30pm	**Mood and anxiety** • *Epidemiology* • *Mechanisms (e.g. Braak staging of neurotransmitter system involvement)* • *Phenomenology and how to distinguish from PD motor symptoms* • *Medical management* • *Psychosocial factors and psychological therapy* Dr Harry Costello, Academic Neuropsychiatrist and NIHR Clinical Lecturer, University College London
2.00pm	Questions/cases
2.10pm	**Impulse control disorder and dopamine dysregulation syndrome** • *Operational definition* • *Phenotypic examples* • *Mechanisms* • *Approach to assessment and management* Dr Rachel Thomasson, Consultant Neuropsychiatrist, Manchester Centre for Clinical Neurosciences
2.40pm	Questions/cases
2.50pm	**Break**
3.20pm	**Parkinson's psychosis** • *Phenomenology and time course* • *Mechanisms* • *Management including use of clozapine*

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	Dr Graham Blackman, Senior Clinical Researcher and Consultant Psychiatrist, University of Oxford
3.50pm	Questions/cases
4.00pm	**Cognition** • *Early cognitive impairment* • *Parkinson's dementia and Lewy body dementia* • *Management* Professor Eileen Joyce, Emeritus Professor of Neurology, UCL Queen Suare Institute of Neurology
4.30pm	Questions/cases
4.40pm	Round up and closing remarks
5.00pm	**Close of day**

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