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Symptom Validity Testing: Measuring Effort and Response Validity in Neuropsychological Assessment B. Heath Gordon, Ph.D.

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Series Objective:

Promote clinical excellence for patients receiving neurological rehabilitation by

1. Enhancing knowledge of brain-behavior relationships
2. Enhancing the ability of clinicians to critique the scientific literature
3. Enhancing knowledge of evidenced based practice for treating patients in rehabilitation settings

Learning Objectives:

Participants will be better able to:

1. Describe the differences in poor effort, exaggeration, and malingering
2. Discuss the base rates of effort and response validity in certain clinical populations
3. Discuss the role of effort and response validity in the interpretation of psychological and neuropsychological data
4. Discuss common methods utilized in symptom validity testing

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About the speaker:

B. Heath Gordon, PhD is currently completing a postdoctoral fellowship in clinical neuropsychology at the G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VAMC. Gordon completed his doctoral degree in counseling psychology from West Virginia University in August 2007. Prior to his current position, Gordon completed both an internship and postdoctoral fellowship emphasizing geropsychology at the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System in Gainesville.

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