



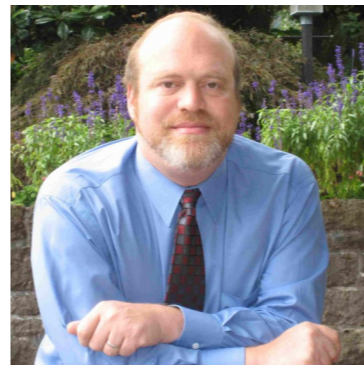
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Northwest Behavioral Health IPA
Presents

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BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON
Friday, October 16, 2009
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Jerald Block, MD, is an international expert on Pathological Computer Use. He has written widely about the disorder and is one of the leading proponents to making the disorder a recognized psychiatric diagnosis in the United States. Dr. Block is on the clinical faculty of Oregon Health and Science University, is an Advanced Candidate at Oregon Psychoanalytic Center, and has a private practice in Portland.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Pathological Computer Use (PCU) is a newly-proposed psychiatric diagnosis designed to address the compulsive and excessive use of technology by patients. In some parts of the world, as many as 20% of adolescents are believed to have the disorder. PCU has caused avoidable deaths and, more commonly, "dropouts" from school, work, and marriages. Recently, it has been linked to several school shootings. Recognizing and treating PCU and the related entity, Internet Addiction Disorder (IAD), is difficult. In this course, expect to become familiar with PCU and IAD, understand their clinical significance, and review established treatment strategies.

Course Objectives:

By the end of the day, you should have a basic understanding of:

- Avatars, Gaming, Virtual Reality, and Virtual Sex,
- Pathological Computer Use (PCU),
- How PCU differs from Internet Addiction Disorder (IAD),
- How PCU presents, clinically,
- What problems it creates,
- The link between PCU and several school shootings,
- How PCU is treated.



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