How Traumatic Experiences Change the Adolescent Brain and the Effects of Psychotherapy

Overview
Primary care providers and pediatricians are on the front line when caring for the behavioral health needs of children, adolescents, and young adults. With limited availability for prompt access to psychiatric or behavioral health specialists, patients often rely on their ‘medical home’ providers to initiate care. CPAN’s aim is to support primary care in the identification and management of patients with behavioral health needs. This session offers practical information with relevant case examples, using evidence-based guidelines to help increase confidence in providing the initial steps of treatment.

Learning Objectives
At the end of this activity, participants should be able to:
1. Identify brain networks that are affected by traumatic stress in youth
2. Identify neural changes that take place during trauma-focused therapy
3. Discuss recommendations for referring adolescents to trauma-focused therapy

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