

Mental Health Considerations for Kids with Chronic Illness



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:

- Review current literature available and the increased risk of mental health issues in children with chronic illness.
- Consider the connection between chronic illness and pediatric patients' quality of life.
- Highlight psychological screenings you can use, along with psychological support available.

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