

Assessment and Treatment of High Risk Sexual Offenders: Practical Guidelines for Clinicians

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The assessment and treatment of high risk sexual offenders, particularly those who meet the diagnostic criteria for psychopathy, presents a variety of unique challenges to clinicians. This workshop will focus on the assessment and treatment of sexual offenders who are at high risk of recidivism. We briefly review the research relevant to the assessment and treatment of high risk sexual offenders. The majority of the presentation will focus on our program for the treatment of high risk/treatment needs offenders including: 1. A basic outline of an integrated approach to the treatment of high risk sex offenders starting with in-patient based institutional treatment and ending with community-based follow-up. 2. The application of these interventions with high risk, mentally disordered and/or psychopathic offenders in particular. As well, we will discuss issues related to treatment responsivity in high risk sex offenders.