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ILLNESS EXPLANATORY MODELS

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MODERATED BY ANNA FISKIN, MD, MS AND KENNETH FUNG, MD, MSc

By the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Define and describe the context, motivation, and scope of the illness explanatory model framework
2. Distinguish various aims and uses of the framework for clinical assessment and research
3. Recognize both contributions and limitations of the framework
4. Identify the role and relative priority of illness explanatory models in the Outline for Cultural Formulation (OCF in DSM-IV and DSM-5) and the Cultural Formulation Interview (CFI in DSM-5)
5. Describe the rationale in the rethinking of the role of illness explanatory models in a proposed OCF revision (OCF-R) based on CFI research for cultural formulation, cultural psychiatry, and broader interests of clinical practice

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PRESENTER

Mitchell G. Weiss, MD, PhD, is a cultural psychiatrist and health social scientist, and currently professor emeritus at the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH) and University of Basel, Switzerland. He is also a corresponding member of the faculty in the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School, where early interest in explanatory models led to the formulation of the EMIC interview framework and development of cultural epidemiology. The approach was initially conceived to harness synergies of medical anthropology and psychiatric epidemiology, and to integrate qualitative and quantitative research methods. Work based on that approach has contributed not only to cultural interests of global mental health and suicide prevention but also to behavioural aspects of infectious disease control. His research and teaching are rooted in field experience and academic partnerships in India and other LAMI countries of South Asia and Africa. At the Swiss TPH he led a cultural epidemiology research group and the health social science unit in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, which he chaired for 12 years until 2010.

READINGS

Weiss, Mitchell G. "Explanatory Models in Psychiatry. Chapter 13." In *Textbook of Cultural Psychiatry*, edited by Dinesh Bhugra and Kamaldeep Bhui, 2nd ed., 143–57. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018. <https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/textbook-of-cultural-psychiatry/73A65A31DADD6226040A92BBA53DE264>

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MODERATORS



Anna Fiskin, MD, MS, is a psychiatrist who specializes in cultural psychiatry and global mental health. She is an Assistant Clinical Professor at UCSF and Staff Psychiatrist at Chinatown North Beach Mental Health Services in San Francisco, California, where she works with a diverse patient population from China, Cambodia, Laos, and

Vietnam. She is the Cultural Psychiatry faculty lead for UCSF Psychiatry HEAL Fellowship in Global Mental Health and a co-chair of the Cultural Psychiatry Area of Distinction for UCSF Psychiatry residency program. She is also a board member of the Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture.



Kenneth Fung, MD, MSc, is Staff Psychiatrist and Clinical Director of the Asian Initiative in Mental Health Program, Toronto Western Hospital, University Health Network, and Associate Professor with Equity, Gender, and Populations Division,

Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto. His research, teaching, and clinical interests include both cultural psychiatry and psychotherapy. He co-leads the Pillar 4 Dialogue of the Department of Psychiatry Strategic Plan, University of Toronto, which focuses on issues related to equity, social justice, and social responsibility, and is the Block Co-coordinator of the Cultural Psychiatry Core Seminars for psychiatry residents. He is involved in community-based research related to HIV, mental health stigma, and immigrant and refugee mental health. He is psychiatric consultant to Hong Fook Mental Health Association and Mon Sheong Scarborough Long-Term Care Centre. He is the President of the Society of the Study of Psychiatry and Culture and the Chair of the Transcultural Section, Canadian Psychiatric Association.

REGISTRATION

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