Evaluating Adults for an Autism Spectrum Disorder
Monday, March 17, 2014 – 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) are diagnosed by identifying a behavioral pattern of poor social-communication skills, restricted interests, and/or repetitive motor behaviors that emerged at a very young age. Assessing ASD in adults is complicated given that an adult’s early developmental history may not be available and given that symptoms may be masked by psychiatric concerns. In this presentation, we will provide an overview of best practice assessment techniques for evaluating an adult for an ASD. In addition, we will discuss most common co-occurring psychiatric diagnoses along with strategies to address the aforementioned challenges in the assessment process. We will end with a brief overview of next steps for adults who receive an ASD diagnosis.

Objectives:
1. Identify the hallmark characteristics of autism spectrum disorders in adulthood
2. Identify appropriate screening tools and assessment techniques
3. Identify frequently co-occurring psychiatric diagnoses

Audience: This workshop is appropriate for professionals who work with adults but who may lack an ASD background, or professionals with a background in assessing youth with ASD but may have less familiarity with the assessment process for adults.

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Anschutz Medical Campus, Education 2 North
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Aurora, CO 80045

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