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Conference Topics

- Street Drugs and Mental Disorders-Dual Diagnosis
- Mood disorders in Later Life Geriatric Psychiatry

Learning to Consider for LVHN

- Harm Reduction versus abstinence model for dual diagnosis patients
 - 1. Short term solution for severe cases
 - 2. Utilize replacement meds such as methadone
- Treatments for Mood disorders in the geriatric population
 - 1. ECT: 90% improvement in symptoms
 - 2. Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation:
 - a. More localized than ECT
- b. Eliminates treatment risks related to inducing seizure and administering general anesthesia

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Group Discussion

ACTION ITEMS

Where the rubber meets the road

