

## ***Adult ADHD: what are we all missing?***

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ADHD in adults is the persistence of ADHD since childhood. Seven prospective longitudinal studies have demonstrated its persistence in approximately 60% of children. Three decades of international scientific research and recognition by the World Health Organization make evident the validity of this disorder around the world. Unfortunately, most training programs provide little, if any, education for diagnosis and treatment of ADHD in adults. My presentation will focus on the presenting symptoms of the patient, why to consider including screening in your initial evaluation, how to parse out ADHD from other concurrent psychiatric disorders, how to diagnostically prioritize concurrent psychiatric disorders, what ADHD medications are available and how to make choices, and a list of psychotherapeutic approaches to address executive dysfunction and negative self-image. The presentation will also highlight ADHD in adults over the age of 50, a new and emerging recognition of lifelong symptoms.