Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS) of Interest for Psychiatry

This half day session accompanies our ‘Club Drugs - reviewing the evidence for treatment’ on 3rd November 2015. Book both and save £40. Use discount code ‘NPS40’ when booking your second event.

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Friday 25 September 2015

8.45am Registration; 9.15am Welcome and Introduction; 12.30pm Close
Horizon Leeds, Third Floor, 2 Brewery Wharf, Kendell Street, Leeds, LS10 1JR

Professor Schifano is one of the very few physicians in Europe with training and specialist qualifications in both psychiatry and clinical pharmacology. In this session he will update your knowledge of the clinical pharmacology and psychopathological consequences of the use of Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS).

Given the vast range of medical and psychopathological issues associated with the NPS described it is crucial for health professionals to be aware of the effects and toxicity. Users are typically attracted by these substances due to their intense psychoactive effects and likely lack of detection in routine drug screenings.

The rapid pace of change in the NPS online market constitutes a major challenge to the provision of current and reliable scientific knowledge on these substances.

NPS act on a range of neurotransmitter pathways/receptors whose imbalance has been associated with psychopathological conditions, including dopamine, cannabinoid CB1, GABA-A/B, 5-HT2A, glutamate, and k opioid receptors. An overall approach in terms of clinical management will be discussed as well.

*Novel psychoactive substances include synthetic cannabinoids, cathinone derivatives, psychedelic phenylethylamines, novel stimulants, synthetic opioids, tryptamine derivatives, phencyclidine-like dissociatives, piperazines, GABA-A/B receptor agonists, a range of prescribed medications, psychoactive plants/herbs, and a large series of performance and image enhancing drugs.

About our speaker: Professor Schifano has made outstanding contributions to several areas, including mortality studies and stimulant synthetic drugs. He has unprecedented knowledge, especially on the epidemiological, psychopathological and overdose issues related to the misuse of these compounds. Professor Schifano is both a Core Member of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD, UK) and a member of the Specialist Advisory Group (Psychiatry) for the European Medicines Agency (EMA).

Accreditation: This event is eligible for 3 CPD hours subject to your peer group approval and in line with the Royal College of Psychiatrists’ guidelines.

Course fees: £95. All learning materials, brunch and refreshments are included.

Who should attend? This course is suitable for mental health professionals; addiction recovery workers; A&E staff.

Study methods: Lectures, group discussions, question and answer sessions.

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