

GRIEF IMPAIRMENT SCALE RESEARCH AND CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS



DESCRIPTION:

Although most mourners are resilient, a significant minority experience a profoundly disruptive course of bereavement that substantially impairs their ability to function in crucial life contexts. This presentation reports the development of a brief and efficient 5-item screening instrument, the *Grief Impairment Scale* or GIS, which assesses the impact of loss on cognitive, behavioral, health, social role and interpersonal domains. Results document the coherent factor structure, internal reliability, construct and discriminant validity, sensitivity and specificity of the GIS in evaluating clinically significant functional impairment associated with grief and support its use in health and mental health settings for both epidemiological research and treatment planning.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

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LIVE DATE:	February 14, 2023
TIME:	Noon to 1:30pm ET
ON DEMAND:	Available for 1 year; until February 13, 2024
LENGTH:	90 minutes
CEs:	1.5 hours for a wide variety of professional boards
CE FEE:	Included with registration
CONTENT LEVEL:	The program is mainly for professionals already working in the field but is practical for all levels of education – entry level, intermediate or advanced.
TARGET AUDIENCE:	Health care clinicians, social service clinicians and others working in the hospice, palliative care, counseling, hospital, nursing home, funeral home or faith community environments

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- Identify 3 major limitations of previous scales for assessing functional impairment in the context of bereavement
 - Describe the key biopsychosocial domains assessed by the Grief Impairment Scale (GIS)
 - Summarize the evidence for the GIS's factorial, convergent, and discriminant validity
 - Discuss two practical uses of the GIS in health and mental health care settings
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PROGRAM OUTLINE:

- I. Functional Impairment in Bereavement: Diagnostic and Clinical Relevance (5 minutes)
 - II. Assessing the Toll of Grief: Shortcomings of Existing Methods (5 minutes)
 - III. Grief Impairment Scale: Conceptualization and Development (20 minutes)
 - IV. Toward a Practical Screener for Impairment: Validity and Reliability (25 minutes)
 - V. Using the GIS: Research and Applied Settings (25 minutes)
 - VI. Conclusion/Question and Answer Session (10 minutes)
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Robert A. Neimeyer, PhD, directs the Portland Institute for Loss and Transition, and maintains an active consulting and coaching practice. Neimeyer has published over 500 journal articles and book chapters as well as 32 books, including *New Techniques of Grief Therapy*, and serves as Editor of *Death Studies*. He is currently working to advance a more adequate theory of grieving as a meaning-making process.

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