

UTILIZING THE PANDEMIC GRIEF SCALE LATEST RESEARCH AND CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS



DESCRIPTION:

Continuing research on the adaptation of Americans to bereavement in the context of the pandemic has expanded to include those suffering losses from causes beyond COVID-19. The unique circumstances under which people die and grieve since March of 2020 are nearly universal, affecting virtually all individuals facing the death of a loved one. Dr. Niemeyer will compare the impact of loss because of COVID-19, other natural causes, and violent death, and consider the role of meaning making in mediating the circumstantial risk factors that can complicate grief and impair functioning of survivors. Utilizing clinically useful screeners such as the Pandemic Grief Scale (PGS) for severe grief responses in the pandemic, the speakers will suggest how to bridge from assessment to intervention and offer principles and practices to inform professional support.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

This presentation features an experienced professional offering his own expertise on the topic. On the screen, you will see the slide presentation and will be able to hear the expert talking and presenting. If you login for the live version of the program, you'll also have the opportunity to email or text the expert questions that he will discuss and answer during the program's Q & A session.

LIVE DATE:	October 12, 2021
TIME:	Noon to 1:30pm ET
ON DEMAND:	Available for 1 year; until October 11, 2022
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

This program will be live on the air date, recorded and made available for on demand viewing. The recorded program will be available approximately a day after the live event.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

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TEST LINK for Audio and Video: <https://zoom.us/test>

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

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

1. Describe the content and structure of the Pandemic Grief Scale (PGS), and its function in screening for clinically concerning responses to the death of a loved one
 2. Identify 5 pandemic grief risk factors (PGRF) that predict adverse outcomes for mourners, including impairment in family and work roles
 3. Summarize 3 principles to inform intervention with survivors of complicated losses as a function of the themes identified on the PGS and PGRF
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PROGRAM OUTLINE:

- I. The Shadow Pandemic: Negotiating the Landscape of Loss (5 minutes)
- II. The Pandemic Grief Scale: 5 Markers of Mourning (25 minutes)
 - a. Construction and validation
 - b. Clinical utility
- III. Pandemic Grief Risk Factors (25 minutes)
 - a. Identifying unique circumstantial complications in adaptation
 - b. Defining a thematic focus: Trauma and attachment
- IV. Principles and Practices (25 minutes)
 - a. Guidelines
 - b. Procedures
- V. Question and Answer Session (10 minutes)

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) CREDITS:

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EXPERT PANELIST:

Robert A. Neimeyer, PhD, is Professor Emeritus of the Department of Psychology, University of Memphis; maintains an active consulting and coaching practice; and also directs the *Portland Institute for Loss and Transition*, where he oversees extensive online and onsite professional training modules. Neimeyer has published 30 books, including Routledge's series on *Techniques of Grief Therapy*, and serves as Editor of *Death Studies*. The author of over 500 articles and chapters and a popular workshop presenter, he is currently working to advance a more adequate theory of grieving as a meaning-making process. In recognition of his contributions, he has been given Lifetime Achievement Awards by both the Association for Death Education and Counseling and the International Network on Personal Meaning.

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