**TRAINING IN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN CANADIAN PSYCHIATRY RESIDENCY PROGRAMS. RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES.**

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**Objectives:** Research indicates that rates of Psychiatric Disorders are very high in people with Developmental Disabilities (DD). However, research also suggests that teaching devoted to Developmental Disabilities in Psychiatry Residency Programs in Canada varies significantly in regards to both didactic teaching and supervised clinical rotations. Very little research has examined training in ID from the perspective of psychiatry residents. The purpose of this study is to determine how senior residents perceive their educational experience in regards to developmental disabilities.

**Methods**: A survey regarding training in developmental disabilities was distributed to senior residents at an exam review course in the final 6 months of their training.

**Results:** 91.5% of respondents reported receiving some lectures or seminars on DD during their residency training. 46.8% of respondents reported that their program required them to complete a rotation in DD, though the length of the rotation, the stage in the lifespan specific to the rotation, and the year in which the rotation was completed varied significantly. 91.5% of respondents also reported that their level of comfort in assessing and treating psychiatric disorders in people with DD was very low.

**Discussion/Conclusion:** Senior residents report significantly different training experiences in DD, although overall experience with this population is low for most residents. This has an impact on levels of confidence in treating this population, and potentially the quality of care for people with developmental disabilities.

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