FASD in the Context of Other Cumulative Risk: Developmental Psychopathology as a Framework for Diagnosis

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Synopsis:
Individuals with prenatal alcohol exposure frequently have other prenatal or postnatal exposures that impact their developmental, behavioral or mental health profile. The concepts of cumulative risk and developmental psychopathology are frameworks for understanding how multiple risks interact towards patterns of deficit, and can inform comprehensive diagnostic decisions and treatment planning.

Learning Objectives:
1. Understand how prenatal and postnatal risk and resiliency factors interact using models of cumulative risk and developmental psychopathology.
2. Appreciate individual profiles of risk and resilience within these broader conceptual frameworks and how these frameworks can inform diagnostic decisions and treatment planning for individuals with FASD who have other significant exposures.
4. Emphasize that the diagnostic and treatment planning needs of individuals with multiple significant exposures requires collaboration among areas of expertise within health, education and community services.

References:


