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**The Existential Importance of the Penis:  A New View of the Sexuality of Men:  Part II Clinical Implications**

Presented by:

Daniel Watter, Ed.D.

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**Presenter Bio:**

Dr. Watter is a frequent lecturer at professional meetings throughout North America, and is the author of more than 30 professional articles and book chapters.  He is in clinical practice in Parsippany, and has held a number of faculty appointments.  He is a diplomate in Sexology and currently completing a textbook on Humanistic/Existential Approaches to Sex Therapy Practice.

**Overview and Objective of Today’s Talk**

This presentation will explore the existential meaning of sex and penile functioning in the life of men.  This is not a presentation about how the penis works, nor is it a workshop designed to teach clinicians how to make their male patients better lovers.  Rather this presentation will focus on the psychological lives of men, specifically the existential lives of men and how much of the psychological concern of men are communicated through the function or lack thereof, of their penis.

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1.  Help their male patients better identify the message their bodies are sending via their penis.

2. Describe the existential threats that result from early childhood trauma and how they manifest themselves via problems with sexual functioning.

3.  Apply existentially based treatment strategies for the resolution of male sexual dysfunction.

*This program is intended for psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, nurses, mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, physicians and graduate students. It will be presented at an introductory level, meant for those with little prior knowledge of the subject matter. The presenter does not have any commercial support and/ or conflict of interest for this program****.***

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