Wernicke-Korsakoff Syndrome and Memory Impairments: Considerations for Criminal Justice and Forensic Professionals
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Abstract
Wernicke-Korsakoff syndrome is a neuropsychiatric condition resulting from a thiamine deficit commonly caused by long-term alcohol abuse and malnutrition. Alcohol abuse and nutritional neglect can contribute to deficits in executive function and memory as well as confabulation. These deficits have important implications for the criminal justice system. This article strongly encourages advanced training and education about the syndrome and sophisticated, innovative research for application within the criminal justice system.

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