Cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT)

for the management of hot flushes and night sweats

Who should consider the BMS Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT) course?

CBT is increasingly popular within physical health settings and has been demonstrated to effectively help women who are experiencing problematic menopausal symptoms. Women are equipped with self-management skills to reduce the psychological distress commonly associated with hot flushes, night sweats and other menopausal symptoms. It is also suitable for women who have undergone breast cancer treatments.

The BMS CBT course is designed for doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals (e.g. applied psychologists and registered counsellors) who work regularly in the field of women's health, in either primary or secondary care. It will give an in-depth introduction to an evidence based 6 session group intervention, enabling delegates to develop the knowledge and skills to facilitate groups within their own health care setting or to work individually with patients.

Delegates will be given an overview of the significant influence of psychological factors in coping with distress in relation to menopausal symptoms and how CBT is relevant to this. Each session of the intervention will then be presented, including the use of interactive exercises designed to build confidence in working collaboratively with patients, as well as case studies and experiential exercises to illustrate how the intervention can be applied to a variety of menopausal issues. The accompanying materials are designed to enable healthcare professionals to guide women to develop self-management strategies using a cognitive behavioural approach.

The course carries 12 CPD credits.

Please note, this training course is for registered healthcare professionals only and it is important to be able to access clinical supervision when using psychologically informed principles with patients.

2023 course dates are now available on the BMS website:
thebms.org.uk/education/education-calendar/

What is the format of the CBT course?

Delegates will have access to **professionally recorded lecture videos** for the six course modules, with PDF lecture slides, via the BMS website. They can watch the lectures at a time convenient for them, before they attend a fully interactive **Zoom Q&A/group discussion day.** Delegates will be able to pre-submit questions via the BMS website, and there will also be plenty of opportunity to ask questions on the Zoom day itself, to clarify information in the lecture videos. The use of Zoom breakout rooms will then allow for small group discussion to further learning.

Delegates must watch the lectures and attend the Zoom day to meet the requirements for course completion.

The BMS CBT course programme can be found in full overleaf.

Booking

The cost of the course is **£525.00**. You can register online at www.thebms.org.uk/education.

A copy of *Managing Hot Flushes and Night Sweats with Group CBT: An evidence based treatment manual for health professionals* by Hunter, M.S. and Smith M (2015) is included in the course fee.

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Programme

Course facilitators

Dr Melanie Smith Highly Specialist Clinical Psychologist; CBT lead on MENOS 1&2 CBT trials for well women and women experiencing hot flushes and night sweats following breast cancer treatment; co-author of self-help and group CBT books with Professor Myra Hunter.

Dr Janet Balabanovic Chartered Counselling Psychologist; CBT group co-facilitator and qualitative researcher for the MENOS CBT trials.

Professionally recorded lecture videos and PDF slides available via the BMS website

Lecture 1:	Introducing a biopsychosocial approach; the intervention and its evidence
Lecture 2:	CBT basics and session 1 of the intervention
Lecture 3:	Stress management (intervention session 2)
Lecture 4:	Hot flushes (intervention session 3)
Lecture 5:	Managing sleep and night sweats (intervention sessions 4 & 5)
Lecture 6:	Review, maintenance and other menopause issues (intervention session 6)

Interactive Zoom Q&A/group discussion day

0915-1020	Welcome & introduction Introducing a biopsychosocial approach; the intervention and its evidence CBT basics and session 1 of the intervention
1020 – 1035	**Morning break**
1035 - 1120	Stress management (intervention session 2)
1120 – 1135	**Break**
1135 - 1235	Hot flushes (intervention session 3)
1235 – 1335	**Lunch**
1335 - 1440	Managing sleep and night sweats (intervention sessions 4 & 5)
1440 – 1455	**Afternoon break**
1455 - 1630	Review, maintenance and other menopause issues (intervention session 6)

Further information

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