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NOTE WELL: This instruction covers the admissibility of opinion testimony concerning all "syndromes," and "disorders," including, but not limited to post-traumatic stress syndrome, rape-trauma syndrome, and conversion disorders. The trial court should consider a voir dire to balance the probative value of evidence of these conditions against the prejudicial impact of such evidence under Rule 403, and should determine whether admission of evidence of these conditions would be helpful to the trier of fact under Rule 702. See State v. Hall, 330 N.C. 808, 412 S.E.2d 883 (1992).

This opinion testimony is being admitted solely for the purpose of corroborating the testimony of (*name witness*), and not as substantive evidence tending to show whether the crime(s) charged in fact occurred.

