



Massachusetts Psychiatric Society's

2021 Risk Avoidance & Risk Management Conference

Program Overview

We are pleased to present the 2021 Risk Avoidance and Risk Management Conference. This is the annual risk management conference with a successful record spanning decades. The conference focuses on actual issues faced by practicing psychiatrists. Each year core faculty review timely and relevant risk management issues in conjunction with other invited local experts. We utilize several didactic lectures with significant time for questions raised by conference attendees. This year topics addressed will include: Dr. Janet Wozniak addressing risk management issues in the practice of telepsychiatry; Dr. Thomas Gutheil will review the practice of appropriately addressing informed consent and shifting regulatory requirements; Attorney David Gould will address the issue of

psychiatrists managing actions by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine; our own Attorney James Hilliard will enlighten us with the top risk management questions and issues raised by membership for 2021; Attorney Steve O'Neill will give direction on navigating the new world of open notes in medical practice; and Dr. Nhi-Ha Trinh will present on the emerging focus on cultural competence and implicit bias, and strategies for self-assessment and practice improvement. Each speaker will have a significant block of dedicated time for facilitated questions from the participants.

Program Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Understand the various roles of psychiatrists interfacing with the law
- Appreciate the challenges of psychiatrists in court
- Utilize risk reduction tools and strategies in daily practice
- Be prepared to cope with a complaint to the board or hospital disciplinary proceedings
- Appreciate the liability of consulting through telemedicine
- Reconciling the pros and cons of curbside consultations
- Describe strategies for appropriate documentation in Open Notes
- Appreciate evolving considerations around cultural competence in practice and understand implicit bias and techniques for self-assessment and practice improvement

To register for this event, **visit www.psychiatry-mps.org** or call (781) 237-8100

Accreditation Statement

The Massachusetts Psychiatric Society is accredited by the Massachusetts Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

AMA Credit Designation Statement

The Massachusetts Psychiatric Society designates this live activity for a maximum of 5.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Saturday
April 10, 2021
8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Via Zoom videoconference

Faculty

Matthew Lahaie, MD, JD
Activity Co-Chair & Moderator
Faculty, UMass Medical School &
Harvard Medical School

Janet Wozniak, MD
Quality and Safety, Chair, Department
of Psychiatry Massachusetts General
Hospital

David Gould, JD
Senior Partner, Ficksman & Conley, LLP

Thomas G. Gutheil, MD
Professor of Psychiatry & Co-Founder of
the BIDMC Program in Psychiatry & Law

James T. Hilliard, JD
Partner, Connor and Hilliard, PC
Counsel, Massachusetts Psychiatric
Society

Steve O'Neill, LICSW, BCD, JD
Social Work Manager and Behavioral
Health Specialist, OpenNotes, Beth
Israel Deaconess Medical Center
Faculty, Center for Bioethics, Harvard
Medical School

Nhi-Ha Trinh, MD, MPH
Director, Department of Psychiatry
Center for Diversity, Massachusetts
General Hospital

This activity meets the criteria of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine for risk management study.



Program Schedule

- 8:30-8:45 a.m.** **Welcome and Introduction**
Matthew Lahaie, MD, JD, Activity Co-Chair & Moderator
- 8:45-9:30 a.m.** **Managing Risk in a Telepsychiatry Practice**
Janet Wozniak, MD
- 9:30-9:45 a.m.** **Questions and Answers**
- 9:45-10:30 a.m.** **Navigating Disciplinary Issues & the Board of Registration in Medicine**
David Gould, JD
- 10:30-10:45 a.m.** **Questions and Answers**
- 10:45-11:00 a.m.** **BREAK**
- 11:00-11:45 a.m.** **Informed Consent & Other Risk Management Issues**
Thomas G. Gutheil, MD
- 11:45-12:00 p.m.** **Questions and Answers**
- 12:00-12:30 p.m.** **Top Risk Management Issues of 2021 & Membership Questions**
James T. Hilliard, JD
- 12:30-1:00 p.m.** **LUNCH**
- 1:00-1:45 p.m.** **Documentation Strategies in an Open Notes World**
Steve O'Neill, LICSW, BCD, JD
- 1:45-2:00 p.m.** **Questions and Answers**
- 2:00-2:45 p.m.** **Clinician Self-Assessment and Implicit Bias: Cultural Humility in Psychiatry**
Nhi-Ha Trinh, MD, MPH
- 2:45-3:00 p.m.** **Questions and Answers**
- 3:00 p.m.** **Wrap Up**
Matthew Lahaie, MD, JD



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REGISTRATION FEE

- [] MPS/APA/MMS MEMBER \$90
- [] RESIDENT/FELLOW/STUDENT \$20
- [] NON-MEMBER \$110

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Questions?

Call (781) 237-8100, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday thru Friday