



ADVANCEMENT OF THE PROFESSION - Renee Sorrentino, MD



Dr. Renee M. Sorrentino, MD received her undergraduate degree in neuroscience from the University Professors' Honors Program at Boston University. She continued on to Boston University School of Medicine as a member of the Modular Medical Integrated Curriculum early acceptance honors program. Dr. Sorrentino's clinical training began with an intern year in internal medicine at Cambridge Hospital followed by her residency at MGH/McLean where she served as chief resident of the inpatient psychiatric unit 2001. Dr. Sorrentino left Massachusetts to complete a fellowship in forensic psychiatry at Case Western Reserve University, School of Medicine.

Dr. Sorrentino's clinical practice is devoted to the treatment and evaluation of paraphilias and sexual offenders. In 2006, she opened the Institute for Sexual Wellness (ISW), one of the first national centers for the multidisciplinary treatment of sexual offenders. Her vision is to incorporate evidenced-based principles of recidivism into biological and psychological treatment modalities. Recognizing the impact of biological treatments on individuals with problematic sexual behaviors has been a central focus of her career to date.

In her role as ISW medical director, Dr. Sorrentino has consulted multiple local and state agencies. She serves as fellowship director for the Massachusetts Association for the Treatment of Sexual Offenders, Assistant Professor at Harvard Medical School, Clinical Associate Professor at University Oklahoma School of Medicine and Adjunct Associate Professor at University of Massachusetts Medical School. In 2021, Dr. Sorrentino served as the Chairperson for the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Annual Conference Program and is an elected representative to the American Psychiatric Association 2021-24.

In addition to her groundbreaking clinical work in the areas of paraphilias and sexual offences, Dr. Sorrentino has been a consistent teacher of residents and medical students in her forensic subspecialties regionally, nationally, and internationally. Six of the Massachusetts Psychiatry training programs have been the direct beneficiaries of her curriculum on paraphilias. In addition to didactic curricular development, she welcomes trainees to rotate within her clinical practice. She is the author of 32 clinical commentaries that contribute significantly to continued education of mental health providers on best practices in forensic psychiatry.

For her academic leadership in the forensic subfield of paraphilias, for her clinical treatment of individuals with sexual offences and problematic sexual behaviors, for her mentorship to trainees regionally and globally, and for her leadership within psychiatry, the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society is pleased to honor Dr. Renee Sorrentino with the 2022 Advancement of the Profession Award.