



Massachusetts Psychiatric Society's

## 2022 Risk Avoidance & Risk Management Conference

### Program Overview

We are pleased to present the 2022 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: Attorney David Cash addressing risk management issues in the use of technology and remote psychiatric practice; Dr. Thomas Gutheil will review considerations of managing and

maintaining appropriate boundaries in conducting boundary crossings while avoiding boundary violations; our own Attorney James Hilliard will continue to enlighten us with the top risk management questions and issues raised by membership for 2022; Dr. Steven Schlozman will discuss strategies for managing an outpatient clinical practice, balancing considerations of risk management and sustainability for practitioners. Dr. Douglas Jacobs will review the current state of suicide-focused assessment. Dr. Laura Prager will discuss the management of psychiatric emergencies in the contemporary environment. 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
- Appreciate the liability of consulting through telemedicine
- Reconciling the pros and cons of curbside consultations
- Improve their capability and confidence in managing psychiatric emergencies
- Appreciate the challenges presented by outpatient practice and describe strategies for managing risk and maintaining sustainability in practice
- Discuss contemporary strategies in suicide risk assessment
- Understand the risks involved in boundary crossings and avoid boundary violations

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Saturday  
March, 26 2022  
8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Via Zoom videoconference

### Faculty

**David Cash, JD**

Associate Director, Risk Management, PRMS

**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

**Doug Jacobs, MD**

Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School

**Matthew Lahaie, MD, JD**

Activity Co-Chair & Moderator Faculty, UMass Medical School & Harvard Medical School

**Laura Prager, MD**

Associate Chief for Academic Affairs, Boston Children's Hospital; Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School

**Steven Schlozman, MD**

Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Geisel School of Medicine, Dartmouth

### 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 6 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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



## Program Schedule

- 8:30-8:40 a.m.**                      **Welcome and Introduction**  
*Matthew Lahaie, MD, JD*
- 8:40-9:45 a.m.**                      **The Current Status of Suicide-Focused Assessment**  
*Douglas Jacobs, MD*
- 9:45-10:45 a.m.**                      **Contemporary Strategies for Managing Psychiatric Emergencies**  
*Laura Prager, MD*
- 10:45-11:00 a.m.**                      **BREAK**
- 11:00-12:00 p.m.**                      **Top Risk Management Issues for Psychiatry in 2022**  
*James Hilliard, JD*
- 12:00-12:30 p.m.**                      **LUNCH**
- 12:30-1:30 p.m.**                      **Managing Boundary Crossings & Violations and Related Issues**  
*Thomas G. Gutheil, MD*
- 1:30-2:30 p.m.**                      **Risk Management of Use of Technology and Telepsychiatry**  
*David Cash, JD*
- 2:30-3:30 p.m.**                      **Strategies for Surviving Outpatient Psychiatric Practice and a  
Zombie Apocalypse**  
*Steven Schlozman, MD*
- 3:30 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

[CLICK HERE](#) TO REGISTER ONLINE. **Please note the link for the conference will be sent on March 25.** If you are unable to register online, please note that we are not in the office due to the pandemic and request that you register by phone.

### Questions?

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