



Massachusetts Psychiatric Society's

## 2023 Risk Avoidance & Risk Management Conference

### Program Overview

We are pleased to present the 2023 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 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. Thomas Gutheil reviewing top considerations for managing malpractice risks; Attorney Andrew Hyams

will discuss navigating involvement with the Board of Registration in Medicine; Dr. Mark Albanese discussing physician wellness, the impaired physician, and the workings of Physician Health Services; Dr. Olivera Bogunovic presenting risk management considerations in the treatment of substance use disorders; Assistant VP Denise Neal of the Risk Management Group providing an update on contemporary risk management regarding technology in psychiatric practice; and Dr. Curtis Wittman will discuss changes in our mental health system resulting from implementation of the State's Roadmap for Behavioral Health Reform.

### 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 liabilities and risk management issues related to the use of technology and telemedicine in practice
- Reconciling the pros and cons of curbside consultations
- Improve their capability and confidence in managing wellness and capacity issues in physicians/medical colleagues
- Appreciate the challenges presented by evaluating and treating substance use disorders
- Conceptualizing and developing practices around harm reduction in psychiatric treatment of substance use disorders
- Understand what is new and what is unchanged in our state mental health system with implementation of the Roadmap for Behavioral Health Reform

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### Accreditation Statement

The Massachusetts Psychiatric Society is accredited by the Massachusetts Medical Society to provide 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.

Saturday

March 11, 2023

8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Via Zoom videoconference

### Faculty

**Mark Albanese, MD**

Medical Director,  
Physician Health Services

**Olivera Bogunovic, MD**

Medical Director of Ambulatory Services;  
Associate Program Director, Partners Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship;  
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School;  
Division of Alcohol, Drugs, and Addiction, McLean Hospital

**Thomas G. Gutheil, MD**

Professor of Psychiatry & Co-Founder BIDMC Program in Psychiatry & Law

**Andrew Hyams, JD**

Partner, Kerstein, Coren & Lichtenstein, LLP

**Matthew Lahaie, MD, JD**

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

**Denise Neal, RN, BSN, MJ, CPHRM, DFASHRM**

Assistant Vice President,  
Risk Management Group

**Curtis Wittman, MD**

Director of Operational Initiatives in Psychiatry, MGH  
Associate Director of the Acute Psychiatry Service, MGH

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.**                      **Living in a Post-ESP World: What's new in the State Behavioral Health Roadmap?**  
**Curtis Wittman, MD**
- 9:45-10:45 a.m.**                      **Technology in Practice: Update on Risk Management**  
**Denise Neal, RN, BSN, MJ, CPHRM, DFASHRM**
- 10:45-11:00 a.m.**                      **BREAK**
- 11:00-12:00 p.m.**                      **Managing Malpractice: A Lifetime of Lessons**  
**Thomas Gutheil, MD**
- 12:00-12:30 p.m.**                      **LUNCH BREAK**
- 12:30-1:30 p.m.**                      **Risk Management & the Board of Registration in Medicine**  
**Andrew Hyams, JD**
- 1:30-2:30 p.m.**                      **Provider Wellness, Impairment, & Physician Health Services**  
**Mark Albanese, MD**
- 2:30-3:30 p.m.**                      **Risk Management Considerations for Substance Use Disorders**  
**Olivera Bogunovic, MD**
- 3:30 p.m.**                                  **Wrap Up**  
**Matthew Lahaie, MD, JD**



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### REGISTRATION FEE

<input type="checkbox"/> MPS/APA/MMS MEMBER	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENT/FELLOW/STUDENT	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> NON-MEMBER	\$175
<input type="checkbox"/> MEDICAL STUDENT	\$0

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**Please note the link for the conference will be sent on March 10.**

### Questions?

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