



Saturday, March 9, 2024

8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Via Zoom Videoconference

Massachusetts Psychiatric Society's

2024 Risk Avoidance & Risk Management Conference

Program Overview

The Massachusetts Psychiatric Society is pleased to present the 2024 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. It will increase understanding of the various roles of psychiatrists interfacing with the law and appreciate the challenges of psychiatrists in court. 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. Philip Candilis discussing practical ethics

for psychiatrists in clinical practice; Dr. Thomas Gutheil reviewing major issues relevant to general risk management and fielding participant risk management questions; Dr. Ronald Schouten discussing the practice of threat assessment and management and its lessons for psychiatric clinicians; Dr. Jeffrey Kerner discussing practical risk management guidance for outpatient psychiatric practice; Attorney Charles (David) Cash providing guidance on issues related to infirmity, disability, retirement and practice closure; Dr. James Ellison presenting issues related to aging, cognitive changes and disorders, and implications for practicing clinicians in facing their own and their colleagues capacity for continued practice and end of career considerations.

Program Objectives

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

- Utilize risk reduction tools and strategies in daily practice
- Appreciate liabilities and risk management issues related to boundaries issues and ethical issues
- Understand the practice of threat assessment and management and adopt practical perspectives for clinical practice
- Review practical strategies for risk management in outpatient psychiatric practice
- Appreciate issues related to cognitive and productivity/capacity changes related to aging and their implications for practice for clinicians
- Understand liability issues related to practice interruption related to disability and illness, as well
- Learn best practice approaches to managing retirement and practice closure

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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.

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

REGISTRATION FEE

[] MPS/APA/MMS MEMBER	\$150
[] RESIDENT/FELLOW	\$15
[] NON-MEMBER	\$175
[] MEDICAL STUDENT	\$0

Questions?

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

Please note the link for the conference will be sent on March 8.



Faculty



Philip J. Candilis, MD

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*Professor of Psychiatry
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Jeffrey Kerner, MD

*Staff Psychiatrist
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Charles D. Cash, JD, LL.M.

*Associate Director of Risk Management
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Matthew Lahaie, MD, JD

*Activity Co-Chair & Moderator
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James M. Ellison, MD, MPH

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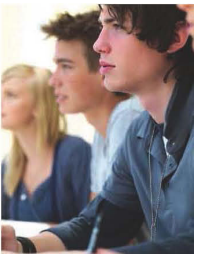


Thomas G. Gutheil, MD

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Program Schedule

- 8:30-8:40 a.m.** **Welcome and Introduction**
Matthew Lahaie, MD, JD
- 8:40-9:45 a.m.** **Professionalism and Self-Care: The Weakest Link**
Philip J. Candilis, MD, DFAPA
- 9:45-10:45 a.m.** **Risk Management Fundamentals for Psychiatrist**
Thomas Gutheil, MD
- 10:45-11:00 a.m.** **BREAK**
- 11:00-12:00 p.m.** **Introduction to Threat Assessment & Management**
Ronald Schouten, MD, JD, CTM, DLFAPA
- 12:00-12:30 p.m.** **Food for Thought: Risk Management Guidance for Outpatient
Psychiatric Practice**
Jeffrey Kerner, MD
- 12:30-1:00 p.m.** **LUNCH BREAK**
- 1:00-2:00 p.m.** **Late Life Medical Practitioners: Clinician Performance & Age-Based
Testing**
James M. Ellison, MD, MPH
- 2:00-3:00 p.m.** **Disability, Emergency, & Retirement: Guidance for Suspending
and Exiting Psychiatric Practice**
Charles D. Cash, JD, LLM
- 3:00-3:30 p.m.** **Top Practice Points of the Day – Questions & Answers**
Matthew Lahaie, MD, JD
- 3:30 p.m.** **Wrap Up**
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