



Dealing with Threats in Clinical Situations

Description of Presentation

In this seminar, experiences of being threatened oneself by patients and of hearing patients' threats directed toward others in a group psychotherapy program will be used to outline a rational clinical approach to the threatening patient with twin goals of re-establishing safety in the workplace and, when possible, maintaining the threatening patient in treatment. The seminar will consist of formal didactic presentation, a brief dramatization of an actual psychotherapy group in which the therapist felt threatened, and group discussion.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this presentation, the participant will be able to:

1. Understand patients' motivation to utter threats, what occurs between patients and staff that fosters the uttering of threats, and the psychological impact of threats on other patients, staff, and the treatment program.
2. Understand a rational clinical approach to the management of the threatening patient, including managing the staff and the treatment program.
3. Recognize the importance of seeking expert legal advice when patients threaten third parties.
4. Choose from reasonable options to protect third parties, the treatment, and oneself medicolegally.
5. Recognize and implement the responsibility of the duty to protect third parties when patients threaten them.

Target Audience

Clinicians working in mental or public health environments or private practice, Nurses, Social workers, Occupational therapists, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Psychotherapists, Trainees in mental health disciplines

Time & Place of Event

- Saturday, November 24, 2012
- Room 2NA/B, Detwiller Pavilion, 2255 Wesbrook Mall, UBC Campus
- 9:30am-12:00pm
- Continental breakfast will be available

Guest Speaker: Dr. Paul Steinberg

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Registration

Advance registration is required. Registration fee is \$25: Please contact Carlos Sierra (carlos.sierra@ubc.ca) to reserve a seat. Please provide Name, Professional Discipline, Primary Work Site, and Email address.