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Bonus Pre-meeting CME Event

The AAPL Annual Meeting Program Committee is pleased to announce a FREE pre-meeting event.

"Remote Forensic Psychiatry: Discussing the Trials and Tribulations of Forensics During COVID-19"

Tuesday, September 29, 2020
8:00-9:30 pm Eastern time, via ZOOM

Presenters: Carolina Klein, MD, Liza Gold, MD, Ryan Wagoner, MD, Trent Holmberg, MD, Charles Scott, MD, Edward Kaftarian, MD

Financial Disclosures of those in control of content:
Planners: Drs. Holmberg and Wagoner - no disclosures
Presenters: Drs. Gold, Klein, Holmberg, Scott and Wagoner - no disclosures; Dr. Kaftarian disclosed that he is CEO and owner of Orbit Health Telepsychiatry. However, he will not discuss any of the products or services specifically offered by his company during this CME activity.

Registration: This meeting is open to AAPL members and Diplomates of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology*

Registration is free and BY EMAIL ONLY TO: office@aapl.org.
State your full name, the email at which you wish to receive the meeting link, your city and state and if not an AAPL member indicate "ABPN Diplomate."

NO registrations by telephone, fax or mail. AAPL reserves the right to limit attendance on a first-come, first-served basis.

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The American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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**ABSTRACT**

Remote Forensic Psychiatry: Discussing the Trials and Tribulations of Forensics During COVID-19

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**EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVE:** This presentation will improve attendee competence and/or performance in the following way(s):

The goal of this presentation is to present and discuss a number of challenges facing forensic psychiatrists during COVID-19, including the pros and cons of teleconferencing in various practice settings.

**ABSTRACT:**
Traditionally, teleconferencing in forensic psychiatry has made up a small subset of the evaluations and treatments performed on a regular basis. However, COVID-19 has forced a reassessment of the use of teleconferencing throughout all aspects of forensic psychiatry. This roundtable discussion will address key areas where teleconferencing is now being used in forensic psychiatry, from evaluations to testimony to treatment.

Dr. Klein will begin the discussion with a simple question: How do you decide what technology to use? She will also detail how to assess different types of platforms and provide considerations on what features are necessary to accomplish different tasks in forensic psychiatry. Dr. Gold will review the use of teleconferencing software during forensic evaluations and what unique considerations arise that are different than “typical” evaluations, particularly in a civil litigation setting. Dr. Wagoner will present the available literature on the use of structured assessments and psychological testing through teleconferencing, with an emphasis on the recommendations posed by the authors of those instruments.

Dr. Holmberg will discuss the change in landscape regarding depositions and trial testimony through teleconferencing. Dr. Scott will detail the unique challenges of transitioning individuals from a correctional setting into a forensic setting in the midst of the pandemic and how teleconferencing technologies assist with this. Dr. Kaftarian will conclude with a discussion about both the challenges and advantages of telepsychiatry in correctional settings, as compared to onsite care.

REFERENCES OR SUGGESTED READINGS (give COMPLETE reference):


QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. Which of the following is the MOST important consideration when deciding to use psychological testing during a forensic interview through teleconferencing:

   A. Comfort of the evaluatee
   B. Comfort of the evaluator
   C. Validity of the testing
D. Following the conditions of administration as indicated in the test manual.

Answer: D

2. Which of the following is NOT a commonly cited benefit of telepsychiatry in a correctional setting?

A. Decreased cost  
B. Availability of a psychiatrist over a larger geographic area  
C. Ease of use if technical problems arise  
D. Increased safety for the psychiatrist

Answer: C