Practice Ethics for Challenging Times: A Positive Approach

Mental health clinicians live and practice in challenging times, providing services in a wide range of settings with a wide range of clients. Numerous legal issues, ethical requirements, ethical dilemmas, stressors, and a litigious environment may make ethical practice seem to be a daunting proposition. This workshop focuses on positive ethics and risk management strategies for practicing mental health professionals, taking a positive approach to ethical practice that helps minimize risks to the clinician. Fundamental issues for ethical practice by mental health professionals will be addressed along a review of basic risk management strategies, and a process for ethical decision-making when faced with ethical dilemmas and challenges. Common dilemmas and challenges will be reviewed and specific recommendations for ethical and effective practice will be provided.

Learning Objectives
At the end of this seminar, participants will be able to:
1) Describe the roles of positive ethics and risk management in clinical practice;
2) List the four basic risk management strategies;
3) List commonly occurring ethical challenges and dilemmas in clinical practice;
4) Explain and implement an ethical decision-making model when confronted with an ethical dilemma;
5) Name the four D’s of malpractice:

Outline
Begin 12 PM ET
The Four D’s of malpractice
Ethics virtues and ethical practice
Applying the virtues
Ethical decision making
Models of ethical decision making
Informed consent
Treatment of minors
Competence
Break 1:30-1:45 PM ET
Psychotherapist wellness
Competence constellation
Mandatory reporting
Documentation and record keeping
Boundaries
Multiple relationships
Supervision
Suicide
End 3:15 PM ET

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