

FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY

Department of Psychiatry

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

PGY-5

- Teach forensic psychiatry to medical, healthcare, and law students, as well as physician residents in the health professions.
- Evaluation and management of patients who are a danger to themselves or others.
- Participate in research activities.
- Teach and educate in various community and professional environments.
- Evaluation of individuals including criminal behavior, criminal responsibility, competency to stand trial, sexual misconduct, and dangerousness.
- Become proficient in review of written records, including clinical and legal documents and in the preparation of written reports and/or testimony in a diversity of cases involving ethical issues and legal regulation of psychiatry.
- Become proficient in testifying in court and/or mock trial situations.
- Experience being deposed by legal counsel.
- Consult with psychiatric and other medical clinicians regarding legal issues that arise in psychiatric inpatient and outpatient settings.
- Evaluation and management of acutely and chronically ill patients in correctional systems (with at least six months experience in the management of at least two patients in a correctional system).
- Develop a presentation, didactic session, or research project.
- Relate to legal counsel, solicitors, insurance companies, and other professionals with compassion, respect, and professional integrity.

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- Complete clinical, medical, neurological, psychiatric, and addictions diagnostic evaluations using techniques such as interviewing, clear and accurate history taking, and research as required to formulate a diagnosis and recommendation.
- Demonstrate sound clinical judgment, requisite skills, and high order of knowledge about case law, diagnoses and treatment of psychiatric illnesses.
- Conduct evaluations in a variety of settings including office, jails, detention centers, prisons, and hospitals.
- Provide leadership for interdisciplinary techniques, crisis management, triage, pharmacological and other somatic therapies.
- Assist in completing and maintaining all medical records relevant to care rendered to their clients relating to history and clinical findings to relevant biopsychosocial issues.\
- Develop an awareness of their own strengths and limitations as practicing clinicians.
- Understand professional ethical principles and the necessity for continuing their own professional development.