

Civil Commitment: Treatment Advances and Issue Management

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This session is designed to further participant's knowledge of specific issues associated with the administration and program development of SVP programs. To gain the most from this session the participant should have a fundamental understanding of Sexually Violent Predator Laws, treatment, and program issues. There are three presentations in this session: (1) Trends and Assessment in Treatment will summarize the minimum standards of care for SVP programs and discuss state of the art treatment focusing on legal issues regarding the quality of treatment, the importance of initial assessments in treatment planning and difficulties related to discharge, (2) Court Testimony is designed to provide strategies to individuals who may find themselves testifying in court regarding SVP civil commitment issues, and (3) Managing Boundaries will focus on the many challenges associated with managing relationships and contact through the programs, such as staff/resident issues and resident/resident issues.