

Controversies in Forensic Mental Health: Historical and Future Perspectives

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Track: Clinical

Level: Intermediate

Narrative

The field of forensic psychiatry has evolved over the years. This panel will allow audience members to consider the evolution of several issues in forensic mental health, including the right to access treatment, the evolution of psychiatrists as “jailers,” mental illness and guns, the incompetent to stand trial crisis, and emerging genetic and neuroimaging technologies with their potential impact in the courtroom.

BIO

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Learning Objectives

- 1) Explain the evolution of several key controversies in forensic mental health.
- 2) Describe the social, political and economic reasons for these changes.
- 3) Discuss several emerging issues in forensic mental health.