



Providing Clinical Supervision

Ethical & Risk Management Issues

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Overview

Clinical Supervision carries with it legal risks as well as a multitude of ethical and boundary issues, whether one is supervising trainees or seasoned professionals. At the same time, *the standard of care* in supervision is typically far less clear to both supervisor & supervisee.

This program examines the risks, solutions and safeguards as regards “negligent supervision.” Gary examines elements of the supervisory relationship as well as related boundary and counter-transference issues. He also discusses supervisory guidance regarding danger to clients or third parties.

Objectives: Participants will be able to describe:

- Negligent supervision & the supervisor’s duties
- Evaluation of supervisee & supervision contract
- Ethical issues in the supervisory relationship
- Factors affecting level of collaboration in supervisory relationships
- Critical issues in cases with danger to self or others
- Challenges when supervision is part of remediation or rehabilitation
- Ethical & boundary challenges with clients

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Overview of Basic Issues

- Supervision, consultation, and legal responsibility
- Administrative supervision vs. clinical
- Basic ethical decision-making for supervisor & supervisee

Supervisory Contract & Methods

- Supervision & consultation contracts
- Design of supervision plans
- Supervision tools & methods

Supervisory Challenges

- Types of problems & impairments in supervisee
- Remedial or rehabilitative supervision
- Boundary challenges in various types of supervision

Supervisor’s Role in High Risk Situations

- Self harm and suicide
- Danger to others – duty to warn or protect
- Over-involvement with clients & former clients

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