



Advanced Clinical Supervision: Ethical and Practice Challenges

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The COVID-19 pandemic and the growth of remote services have brought considerable transformation to many services and programs. 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, and also solutions and safeguards as regards “negligent supervision.” Key elements of the supervisory relationship will be examined as will related boundary issues, counter-transference, etc. There is also an examination of a number of special issues such as cultural & diversity issues, the challenges of the new technologies, questions of distance supervision, supervision of students or practitioners under discipline, and supervision as a remedy for practice deficiencies. Case examples will be utilized and there will be opportunities for questions and discussions related to cases or situations that participants have experienced

AGENDA

Basic Ethical & Practice Challenges

- Current context – the pandemic
- Administrative vs. clinical vs. training
- Basics of Ethical decision-making for supervisor & supervisee (1:28:34)

Contracting – Ethical & Practice Issues

- Supervisory & consultative contracts
- Design of supervision plans; ethical challenges
- Remote supervision – texting, internet (1:35:00)

Challenges – Ethical & Practical

- Cultural issues and boundaries
- Remedial or rehabilitative supervision
- Ethical & boundary issues on the internet (1:28:48)

Supervisor’s Role in High- Risk Situations

- Duties re: self-harm & suicide
- Danger to others, including to supervisee
- Ethics/practice risks with former clients (1:38:13)

Objectives— Participants will be able to:

- distinguish supervision from case consultation & the development of an appropriate contract for each;
- define supervisory “malpractice” & the supervisor’s duties to the supervisee, as well as to the client of the supervisee;
- discuss a framework for decision-making in situations with ethical and/or legal dilemmas
- discuss supervision issues & strategies related to emergency disclosures in dangerous situations (violence, suicide);
- discuss issues/challenges in supervision which is part of a remedial order or part of a rehabilitation plan;
- discuss decision-making regarding provision of remote services vs. face-to-face; risks and challenges in remote services and challenges related to the internet & electronic media,
- discuss ethical & boundaries issues, cultural issues in supervision, & preparation for practice in multi-cultural settings

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