Why Do We Ask What We Do? Ethical Dilemmas and Risk Management

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Illinois Statutes are used in the examples of the presentation. Please make sure you review and follow your specific state laws.
Who Should You Know

1. Hospital Practice
2. Private Practice
Documentation

I. What not to document
   A. Subjective info
   B. Differences between treatment team members
   C. Spoke to Risk Management
Documentation

2. What to document
   A. Facts/specifıcs
   B. Objective Info

3. How to Correct Errors
Subpoenas

1. Subpoena/Court Order

2. What does your state require?

3. Who do you notify?
Anatomy of a Lawsuit

1. How Filed/Time Frames
2. Discovery Phase
3. Take to trial or settle
Divorced Parents

1. Parenting Agreements

2. Custodial Parent

3. Who is the better parent?
Power of Attorney/Guardianship

1. Obtain paperwork

2. Keep a copy

3. When may the patient revoke?
Information to Law Enforcement

1. Local law enforcement
2. Federal Law enforcement
3. Medical examiner/coroner
Death of a Client

1. Suicide/Natural Causes

2. What information may be provided and to Whom?
1. Laws specific to state

2. How to Report
Duty to Warn (Tarasoff Law)

1. Do all states have a “duty to warn” law?

2. How to report?
Exposure Therapy

1. Risk will have questions!
2. How to maintain safety
3. Education of other staff
Risk Management should be your best friend.