Evidence-Based Evaluations of Criminal Responsibility

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This workshop focuses on the assessment of a defendant’s mental state at the time of the offense as it relates to issues of criminal responsibility. Specific topics will include: practical assessment of substantial capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the criminal conduct; objective and subjective standards of moral wrongfulness; evidentiary basis for inferences about wrongfulness; amnesia and sanity; dealing with collateral information; psychological testing in sanity evaluations; relationship between symptoms and the alleged offense; dealing with complications (e.g., denial of involvement in the alleged offense); accounting for contradictory data; formulating the opinion; malingering in sanity evaluations.

At the conclusion of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- Identify legal principles relevant to the evaluation of criminal responsibility (sanity)
- Describe a conceptual framework for evaluating legal sanity
- Articulate questions designed to elicit data most pertinent to evaluation of criminal responsibility
- Describe examples of evidence that can be used to support an opinion about sanity
- Implement effective techniques for bridging clinical and behavioral data with relevant legal standards
- Identify concrete ways in which complications in the evaluation of criminal responsibility can be managed
- Apply conceptual framework to forensic case examples

Presenter
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