

Outline

INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW:  
KEY ISSUES

- Case scenarios
- Patterns of ethics and risk management challenges
- Establish the treatment relationship
- Record-keeping practices
- The ethics of duty to warn/protect
- Local and national resources
- Awareness & diversity

ETHICS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

- Insurance coverage: The essentials
- Importance of documentation: It really matters!
- Tips to avoid and defend lawsuits and licensing board complaints: Practical advice
- Key risk areas: What to look out for
- Importance of peer, ethics, and legal consultation
- The role of supervision

ETHICS AND RISK-MANAGEMENT:  
THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PERSPECTIVE

- Trends in malpractice claims and ethics complaints:
- Ethical mistakes, ethical decisions, misconduct
- Ethical challenges and risks:
- Essential knowledge
- Confidentiality, privacy, privileged communication
- Informed consent
- Boundary issues, dual relationships, and conflicts of interest
- Digital, online, and remote services and relationships
- High-risk treatment and services
- Termination of services
- Documentation
- Impaired professionals
- Ethics consultation and ethics committees
- Handling difficult ethical judgments and decisions:
- Protecting clients and practitioners

**Live Webinar Schedule**  
*(Times listed in Eastern)*

**8:00** Program begins

**11:50-1:00** Lunch Break

**4:00** Program ends

There will be two 15-min breaks (mid-morning & mid-afternoon). Actual lunch and break start times are at the discretion of the speaker. A more detailed schedule is available upon request.

Objectives

1. Evaluate ethical challenges and risks in behavioral health.
2. Utilize risk management tips to reduce licensing board complaints and lawsuits.
3. Analyze ethical dilemmas clinicians face surrounding use of technology to serve clients remotely, communicate with clients, and store information.
4. Apply an ethical decision-making framework to recognize, analyze, resolve or prevent ethical dilemmas in your clinical practice.
5. Employ state-of-the-art documentation guidelines and protocols.
6. Determine ethical standards of care as they pertain to clinical practice.

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# Meet Your Speaker

**Frederic G. Reamer, PhD**, has been a professor in the graduate program of the School of Social Work, Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island, for over 30 years. Dr. Reamer received his PhD from the University of Chicago and has served as a social worker in correctional and mental health settings. He chaired the national task force that wrote the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics and recently served on the task force that added technology standards to the code.

Dr. Reamer lectures both nationally and internationally on the subjects of professional ethics and professional malpractice and liability. In addition to ethics, his research and teaching have addressed a wide range of human service issues, including mental health, health care, criminal justice, and public welfare. He is the author of many books and other publications on professional ethics. Dr. Reamer has conducted extensive research on professional ethics and has been involved in several national research projects sponsored by The Hastings Center, Carnegie Corporation, Haas Foundation, and Center for Bioethics of the University of Pennsylvania.

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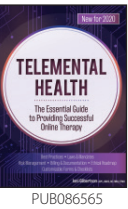
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