

Philadelphia Human Rights Clinic Physician Training on Asylum Evaluations

Saturday, September 21, 2019

8:45 AM - 9:15 AM: Registration and Light Breakfast

9:15 AM - 4:00 PM: Program

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Reception

Location

Benjamin Franklin Room in Houston Hall
3417 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Registration

<https://bit.ly/31wfslk>

There is no fee to attend, but pre-registration is required.
Light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

COURSE CHAIR AND PHRC DIRECTOR

Alisa R. Gutman, MD, PhD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania

TARGET AUDIENCE

Physicians, residents, social workers, psychologists, and fellows who would like to conduct physical and psychiatric evaluations as well as complete affidavits for asylum applicants.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this activity, attendees should be able to:

- Summarize immigration and asylum processes in the United States and discuss the important role of the health professional and forensic documentation in these processes.
- Diagnose and evaluate the variety of presentations of emotional, psychological, and physical sequelae characteristic of immigrant torture survivors and survivors of other human rights abuses who are seeking humanitarian protection in the United States.
- Integrate health professional skills and expertise within the legal framework to prepare medical-legal documentation and presentations of findings of human rights abuse.
- Construct and write a medical affidavit of support for a survivor of torture or human rights abuse who is seeking asylum or another form of humanitarian protection in the United States.



QUESTIONS?

Reach out to us at phrc.education@gmail.com!

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THE NEED

Without a medical evaluation, 75% of asylum seekers are deported to their country of origin. With an evaluation, greater than 90% are granted refugee status. The need is large: 40,000 people per year seek asylum in the United States. 18 to 45% of people seeking asylum are victims of torture, and, in 2014, the Philadelphia Immigration Court received 954 applications for asylum. These numbers may change with the new asylum laws passed in 2019.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Philadelphia Human Rights Clinic (PHRC) is pleased to offer this free training session to teach physicians how to conduct and document a forensic evaluation for people seeking asylum. The PHRC's mission is to provide medical evaluations for people seeking asylum in the United States due to persecution and torture in their home countries. The clinic trains physicians to perform physical and psychiatric evaluations of people seeking asylum and trains medical students to draft affidavits.

ACCREDITATION

In support of improving patient care, Penn Medicine is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

DESIGNATION OF CREDIT

Penn Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 5.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*.TM Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

ABOUT US

The Philadelphia Human Rights Clinic (PHRC) was founded in 2012 as a collaboration between Physicians for Human Rights and medical students and physicians at the University of Pennsylvania. Today, the organization includes students and physicians from the Sidney Kimmel Medical College (SKMC) and Drexel University College of Medicine.

