

## OBJECTIVES

### “Managing Risk in Behavioral Health Care” June 30, 2005

- Discuss strategies for risk management in medication treatment
  - Medical issues
  - Legal issues
  - Ethical issues
  
- Describe suicide prevention risk reduction strategies.
  - Identify clinical interventions related to the care of the suicidal patient in the core staff duties of:
    - **maintaining safety** (including keeping the unit free from hazards, making safety rounds, monitoring visitors, developing in-grained role behavior, etc);
    - **monitoring** (including issues related to types of observation and the issues that raises for patients and staff, use of sitters); and
    - **charting** (including what assessments are staff making as a basis for charting, what do staff actually know about characteristics of a suicidal patient on which they are making their observations, providing adequate time and attention to charting).
  
  - List risk factors of particular importance in the monitoring of potentially suicidal patients including: hopelessness; suicidal ideation; cognitive constriction; anxiety/agitation; withdrawal/isolation; and level of impulse control.
  
- Describe sexual misconduct prevention strategies.
  
- Discuss protecting proactive risk assessments (the risks of risk assessment)