Dealing with Psychiatric Issues in the Emergency Department

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Louisiana Hospital Association Conference Center
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
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The program is sponsored by the Louisiana Hospital Association and the Baton Rouge General Medical Center.

Program Description
This one-day program is designed for the practitioner in the emergency department who has to deal with the issues surrounding caring for, stabilizing and dispositioning the patient with psychiatric illness. The presence of one or more risk factors such as a major mental disorder, alcoholic dependence, and previous suicide attempts, as well as acute psychosocial factors that bring a severely mentally ill person to the hospital emergency setting needs careful consideration and assessment before disposition. However, many factors and procedures, both patient and systems-related may make that very difficult. This program will focus on the Louisiana statutes regarding the care of psychiatric patients in the ER; types of psychiatric emergencies that present to the ER; and treatment guidelines. Case studies will be used to review clinical presentations.

Who Should Attend
Emergency Department Physicians, Nurses, Case Managers and Social Workers are the target audience. CEOs and VP of Patient Care Services are also invited to participate.

Continuing Education Credit
Nursing: 5.0 contact hours will be awarded for this offering by the Louisiana Hospital Association for complete attendance of the program. The Louisiana Hospital Association is approved by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing – CE Provider #39.

CME: The Baton Rouge General Medical Center is accredited by the Louisiana State Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The Baton Rouge General designates this educational activity for a maximum of 4.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s) ™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

MSW: Social Workers will complete a Guide for Assessment of Continuing Education provided by NASW to determine if the program is acceptable for CEUs. It is your responsibility to maintain a CEU file for credentialing.

Other Participants – will receive, upon completion of workshop, a certificate documenting the completed continuing education/clock hours.
Objectives

- Discuss the Louisiana statutes that govern care of the psychiatric patients in the ER and the legal implications.
- Describe some of the psychiatric emergencies that typically present to the ER.
- Discuss common treatment modalities and disposition protocols.
- Through the use of case studies, discuss how certain clinical presentations are handled in the ER.

Registration Information

This seminar will be conducted at the Louisiana Hospital Association Conference Center, 2334 Weymouth Drive, Baton Rouge. The fee of $175.00 for member hospitals/per person and $275.00 for non-member hospitals/per person includes seminar, printed materials, lunch and refreshment breaks. A corporate rate has been established at the Chase Suites, 5522 Corporate Blvd., (225) 927-5630. Please call the hotel directly and ask for the room rate of the Louisiana Hospital Association for the appropriate dates. Registrations may be mailed or faxed directly to the Louisiana Hospital Association. Registrations that are mailed must include payment by check or credit card. Visa, MasterCard or American Express are accepted. You may also fax your registration form to (225) 923-1004, with a Visa, MasterCard or American Express number. Registrations by fax will be accepted if method of payment is indicated on registration form (check being mailed, etc.). All information is handled through a confidential fax and blotted out before it is forwarded to the registrar. Registration forms must be received into the LHA office by 5:00 p.m. one week prior to the scheduled event date. This applies to registrations that are received by mail or fax. An email confirmation will be forwarded to all registrants who list an accurate email address. Registrations may be confirmed by phone. It is recommended that a copy of your registration form be faxed to LHA prior to submitting it to your facility’s accounting department in order to reserve your seat in the class.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

We realize that problems can occur that may necessitate registration cancellations. Cancellations received in writing up to one week prior to a scheduled event will be charged a cancellation fee of $40.00. This fee covers some of the administrative costs associated with processing refunds, printing costs for handout materials, hotel guarantees, etc.

Refunds

Cancellations received less than one week prior to the scheduled event or those who fail to attend are non-refundable. However, registrants who are unable to attend an LHA educational event are permitted to and encouraged to send a substitute at no extra charge. Any sleeping room arrangements made with the local hotel must be cancelled directly with the hotel to avoid charges that are part of the hotel’s cancellation policy.

Driving Directions to the LHA Conference Center

The Louisiana Hospital Association conference center is located just across the street from the LHA Headquarters Building. The new conference center address is 2334 Weymouth Drive. From I-12, exit Airline Highway North, go to the 2nd red light-Old Hammond Highway and turn left. Turn left at the next light onto Drusilla Lane. At the 2nd street, Brookline Avenue, turn left. At the first block on the left is Weymouth Drive. Turn left onto Weymouth Drive and the new conference center is the second driveway on the left.

Driving Directions from Towne Place Suites to the LHA Conference Center

Proceed northwest on Summa Avenue and turn right onto Essen Lane. Stay on Essen until you crossover the interstate and at the next light, you will turn right onto Jefferson Highway. At the next light (just under the Interstate) turn left onto Drusilla Lane. Continue on Drusilla until you reach Brookline Avenue and turn right onto Brookline Avenue. Turn left at the first street which is Weymouth Drive and the conference center is the second driveway on the left.

NOTE: Registration is limited to the first 90 registrants.
Agenda

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Registration
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.  Welcome Introductions
   Tee Tabor, Louisiana Hospital Association
   Denise Dugas, Baton Rouge General Hospital, Program Facilitator
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  Psychiatric Emergencies
   Dr. Robert V. Blanche
   Overview of psychiatric emergencies and issues for the emergency room.
   - Suicidal ideations and behaviors
     o Risk factor analysis
   - Homicidal behavior and threats of aggression
     o Risk factor analysis
   - Acute Psychotic Disorders
     o Exacerbation of Schizophrenia or Psychosis associated with Bipolar Disorder and Schizoaffective Disorder.
     o Drug induced psychosis
     o Psychosis as a symptom of withdrawal from drugs or alcohol
   - Depressive Disorders
   - Panic Disorder and Generalized Anxiety Disorder
   - Adolescent or Child Psychiatric Emergencies
   - Geriatric Emergencies
   - Special Cases: Manchausen’s Disorder, Mentally Retarded, “Frequent Flyers,” and the “Difficult Patient”
     o Risk factor analysis

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Break
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  Treatment of Psychiatric Emergencies in the Emergency Room
   Dr. Robert V. Blanche
   - Interacting with the mentally ill. “Counter transference” reactions.
   - Natural interventions for reduction of agitation, aggression, or problem behaviors.
   - Medications for agitation and acute psychosis.
     o Chemical sedation/restraint
   - Physical restraint
   - Continuation of home medications of mentally ill persons while in the ED.

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Detection of Malingering in the Emergency Room
   Dr. Terry LeBourgeois

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Lunch (Provided)
12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  To Commit or Not to Commit: The PEC, CEC and OPC
   Dr. Gerald Heintz
   - The Louisiana Statutes and their meaning to Emergency Room Physicians
   - Medical/Legal Implications
   - Proper Documentation of the PEC

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.  Legal Issues Affecting Care of the Mentally Ill in the Emergency Room
   Vance Gibbs
   - Medical/Legal implications of mentally ill patients in the Emergency Room
   - Overview of the issues
   - EMTALA, Dumping
   - Malpractice cases of mentally ill patients in the Emergency Room
   - Reducing risks of law suits.

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  Break
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  “Special” Case Presentations and Q&A
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.  Closing
   Becky Antoon/Tevora Tabor
3:15 p.m.  Evaluations/Adjourn
Faculty

Dr. Robert V. Blanche
Dr. Blanche is Board Certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (March 1990). He has a solo practice of General Adult and Geriatric Psychiatry that includes a minimum of 10 hours per week in the evaluation and treatment in private practice. He holds administrative positions at area facilities, including two Medical Directorships. He specializes in Dementia Management. He has extensive experience in testifying as an expert witness in psychiatry for the Judicial System, providing Sanity Evaluation for the Criminal District Court in East Baton Rouge and surrounding parishes. He completed LSU Medical School in 1981 and his residency in psychiatry in 1985.

Vance Gibbs
Mr. Gibbs is a partner in the Baton Rouge office of Kean Miller. He has practiced in the commercial litigation area and the healthcare industry for over 25 years. He is listed in the Best Lawyers in America and was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers in 2009. He is an experienced trial attorney representing U.S. corporations in a wide variety of litigation matters, including defense of product liability claims with regard to medical products, medical devices, and pharmaceuticals. He also represents doctors, medical professionals, physician groups, and clinics in all manners of medical malpractice claims including medical review panel proceedings, lawsuits, peer review hearings, and credentialing matters. He earned his JD from LSU Law Center in 1982 and was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 1982.

Dr. Gerald Heintz
Dr. Heintz is Board Certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (January 1994). He is presently the Medical Director and Psychiatrist with the Capital Area Human Services District in Baton Rouge. He also serves as Deputy Coroner for East Baton Rouge Parish. He completed his medical education at LSU in 1987. He was honored as Teacher of the Year in the Psychiatric Residency Program of the Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation in 1998. He is a researcher, author and lecturer.

Dr. Terry LeBourgeois
Dr. LeBourgeois is Board Certified in the Specialty of Psychiatry since 2004 and Board Certified in Subspecialty of Forensic Psychiatry since 2005. In private practice, he provides clinical psychiatric services for the Baton Rouge General, Seaside Health Systems and Earl K. Long Medical Center. He is the Medical Director of the Intensive Outpatient Program at the Baton Rouge General. As an Independent Forensic Consultant, he routinely performs judge-appointed Sanity Commission evaluations in criminal court settings and conducts other independent medical examinations at the request of attorneys, judges, and agency representatives on civil, criminal and occupational matters. He completed his medical education at the University of Mississippi - School of Medicine in 1999 and the Tulane University Psychiatry Residency in 2003.

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Registration Form

$175.00 for member hospitals / per person  $275.00 for non-member hospitals /per person

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Title ____________________________

Name ___________________________  E-Mail: ___________________________

Title ____________________________

Healthcare Organization ____________________________

Address ____________________________

City / State / Zip ____________________________

Telephone # ___________________________  Fax # ___________________________

Credit Card # ___________________________  Billing Zip Code: ___________________________

Name on Card (please print) ___________________________  Expiration Date: ___________________________

Signature: ___________________________  E-Mail: ___________________________

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Make check payable and mail to:  Louisiana Hospital Association – Management Corporation
9521 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809-1431
Phone: (225) 928-0026  Fax: (225) 923-1004

Americans With Disabilities Act  The Louisiana Hospital Association will make every effort to provide reasonable accommodations for physically challenged attendees who require special services. When registering, please attach a written description of needs to the application.

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