

ABSTRACT

Models of Care in Forensic Psychiatry- The Role of Primary Care Physicians

Forensic psychiatry is relatively new and unknown to many in the medical fraternity. It is a subspecialty of psychiatry and has been a growing interest in the criminology, psychology and psychiatry fraternity. Forensic psychiatry generally is described as an interface between law, criminology, sociology and psychiatry. To a certain extent, it can be said that it is the medicalization of criminology.

This specialized population of clients or patients have some different medical, psychological and sociological needs. Primary care providers can play an important role in the multi-disciplinary team in managing this group. This talk will provide some suggestions on the roles primary care physicians or general practitioners can play.

DR. EMMANUEL J. PEREIRA