

## OUTLINE

### Client Assessment: Ask the Right Questions

Conduct comprehensive assessments  
Strategies for eliciting the right information  
What to ask yourself as you watch the client  
Can the client provide informed consent?  
Limitations of the research & potential risks

### The Suicidal Client: Recognize Suicide Risk & Effectively Intervene

Who is most at risk?  
Implicit & explicit expressions of suicidal ideation & intent  
Lethality assessment to protect client & clinician  
Self-injurious behavior & suicidal ideation  
How to conduct a suicide assessment  
Safety planning for clients with suicidal ideation  
When to hospitalize  
Voluntary vs. involuntary hospitalization  
When clients are not admitted to the hospital

### The Violent Client: Confidently Manage Dangerous Situations

Dealing with our fears: Clinicians' safety  
When the clinician is the target  
When others are the target  
De-escalation techniques  
Preventative planning  
When to call 911  
The hospitalization process  
Duty to Protect (formerly Duty to Warn)

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## OBJECTIVES

1. Complete a comprehensive mental health assessment that encompasses a multitude of clinical concerns including mental status, lethality, substance abuse and trauma.
2. Determine when to hospitalize clients struggling with suicidal ideation, substance abuse, medical concerns or violent urges and develop protocols for doing so.
3. Provide coping strategies and support to clients presenting with suicidal ideation by helping to create a safety plan in session.
4. Assess for risk of client violence towards others and develop strategies to safely intervene as well as effectively carry out the clinician's duty to protect.
5. Determine signs and symptoms of intoxication, withdrawal, or overdose in clients and develop plans for effective intervention.
6. Differentiate between medical and psychological presenting concerns as they relate to case conceptualization.

### The Addicted Client: What ALL Clinicians Need to Know

Signs of intoxication  
Imminent risk: Signs & symptoms of overdose  
Identify withdrawal syndromes  
Treatment planning  
Drug basics that clinicians should know  
Need-to-know street names of common drugs  
When and how to refer to a higher level of care

### Medical vs. Psychiatric Problems: Recognize the Difference

What could kill the client first?  
Medical emergencies that present with psychological symptoms  
Signs & symptoms of a medical emergency

### The Traumatized Client: When Trauma Becomes High Risk

Recognize trauma in clients  
Dangers of misdiagnosis & improper treatment  
Strategies for trauma-informed care

### High Risk Clinicians: After the Crisis

Protect your license with documentation  
Debriefing & supervision  
Address vicarious trauma  
Mitigate compassion fatigue

### Live Webinar Schedule (Times listed in Pacific)

**8:00** Program begins  
**11:50-1:00** Lunch Break  
**4:00** Program ends

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- Prepare yourself to handle emergencies related to suicide, substance abuse & more
- Know what to do when a client discloses suicidal thoughts at the end of a session
- Effectively use de-escalation techniques to respond to potentially violent clients
- Protect your license with strategies to manage liability risk

**ANY CLIENT**  
can become high risk at  
**ANY TIME.**  
**Are you prepared?**



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Crises are never scheduled, convenient or easy. But they do happen, and you will face them. Clients at risk for crisis often present with so many symptoms and issues, it's hard to know where to start. Many clinicians, anxious about how to proceed, **often miss or avoid asking the right questions** to effectively intervene and keep clients (and themselves) safe.

**Any client can become high risk at any time.** Are you prepared for when it happens to you?

Join Paul Brasler, MA, MSW, LCSW, as he navigates you through the most challenging and alarming scenarios that mental health professionals face. Through real-life examples, Paul will draw from over 20 years of experience working with high risk clients to share concrete strategies that you can use **regardless of your setting or clinical background.**

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- Confident in your ability to respond to concerns about client safety
- Armed with the knowledge you need to identify the signs and symptoms of drug abuse
- Equipped to handle situations where a client is a danger to you or someone else

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## Meet Your Speaker

**Paul Brasler, MA, MSW, LCSW**, became a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in 2002. He is the owner of Providence Consulting & Education, L.L.C., through which he provides clinical supervision and professional education services. Paul has extensive experience working with adults and adolescents living with substance use disorder and co-occurring disorders. He maintains a private practice and has worked in community mental health clinics, hospital emergency departments, a juvenile drug treatment court, ketamine-assisted psychotherapy, and adolescent residential treatment.

Paul has been a PESI presenter since 2016, and he has presented classes on Mental Health Emergencies, High-Risk Clients, and substance use disorder treatment across the county. His first book, *High-Risk Clients: Evidence-Based Assessment & Clinical Tools to Recognize and Effectively Respond to Mental Health Crises*, PESI publishing, was published in August 2019. His second book, *The Clinician's Guide to Substance Use Disorders: A Practical Guide to Assessment, Treatment & Recovery*, was published in 2022 (PESI Publishing & Media).

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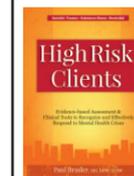
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