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Areas of Expertise

Behavior Economics in Health Care
Family Issues
Forensic Psychiatry
Game Theory in Health Care
Grief Treatment

Medical Decision Making
Psychiatric Aspects of Personal Injury
Psychiatric Malpractice
Psychiatry Public Health
Psychological Sequelae of Terrorism

PTSD
Suicide
Traumatic Brain Injury

Summary

Dr. Amsel serves as an expert witness in matters related to psychiatry, with a focus on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Suicide, Grief, Medical Decision Making, Hospital Psychiatric Care, Appropriate Evidence-based Standards of Care, and Malpractice. Dr. Amsel's expertise in dealing with the interface of legal and psychiatric issues is based on 28 years of experience in clinical practice, academic psychiatry, research, and public health, as well as his experience as an expert witness. As an expert in the effects of traumatic experiences, after 9/11, Dr. Amsel co-directed the Trauma Studies and Services Division at the New York State Psychiatric Institute at Columbia University. He has been extensively involved in treating victims of 9/11 and their families, in doing research on the effects of the 9/11 attacks on the survivors and First Responders, and in training clinicians in cutting edge treatments for PTSD and Complicated /Traumatic Grief. He was involved in preparing the training materials for the National VA PTSD CBT training program, and has worked with veterans and their families to ensure they receive the appropriate medical and psychiatric care. In addition, Dr. Amsel was one of the early champions of the application of Decision Science, Game Theory and Behavioral Economics to psychiatric research, including to suicidal behavior, another important area of his expertise. Dr. Amsel has applied his extensive clinical and research expertise to many different types of complex legal issues involving psychiatry. Excellent references from multiple law firms are available on request.

Current Positions

Research Psychiatrist, Child Psychiatric Epidemiology Group, Columbia University	Since 2008
Research Psychiatrist, NY State Psychiatric Institute and Columbia University	Since 2001
Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University	Since 1995
Attending Psychiatrist, New York Presbyterian Hospital,	Since 1995
Course Director, Psychiatry for Epidemiology Columbia University School of Public Health	Since 1993

Fellowships

1992-1994 Fellowship Training: National Institute of Mental Health Fellowship in Mental Health Statistics and Psychiatric Research Methods at Columbia University School of Public Health.
1994-1995 Freedom Forum Center Fellow, Research Topics: Analysis of healthcare reform, and journalistic representations of the reform process.
1999-2000 NIMH Research Fellow, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Columbia University

Education

BA, Mathematics, Columbia College, Columbia University, 1979
MD, Medicine, Yale University School of Medicine, 1988
MPH, Public Health/ Biostatistics, School of Public Health – Columbia University, 1998