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I17 Malingering Mental Illness: Barriers to Detecting Feigned Symptoms

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After attending this presentation, attendees will be able to appreciate the factors that lead to the under-diagnosis of malingered mental illness in forensic examinations.

This presentation will impact the forensic community by describing the challenges for mental health experts in making the diagnosis of malingered mental illness.

The talk will outline the basic fundamentals of malingering and its detection. There will be presentations of malingering patients from civil and criminal settings and an explanation of how the diagnosis of Malingering was made. Finally the presentation will discuss motivations of evaluated persons, advocates, custodians, and even forensic psychiatric experts themselves that can become barriers to the correct diagnosis of the forensic evaluation.

Malingering, Diagnosis, Motivation