



## Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences Section – 20??

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### I10 Psychiatric Issues in Toxic Building Syndrome

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After attending this presentation, attendees will understand the evaluation of individuals who are claiming psychiatric damages resulting from toxic building.

The presentation will impact the forensic community by demonstrating the rigorous evaluation procedures needed to evaluate psychiatric damages for those claiming injury.

The presence or absence of psychiatric injury due to an exposure to a toxic building is sometimes controversial and other times obvious. Obvious cases occur when a previously well individual is exposed to a known poisonous agent and shortly after is clearly psychiatrically troubled. Controversial cases include cases where the agent is not proven to be poisonous, or the quantity of exposure is not known to be harmful. In addition, the forensic psychiatrist must evaluate for psychiatric stressors, unrelated to exposure to the building toxin that may be contributing to the individual's psychiatric pain. Dr. Martell and Dr. Kenan will examine the psychiatric and psychological techniques needed to evaluate these complex cases.

**Toxic Building, Mold, Sick Building**