



Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences Section – 20??

I16 Stalking and Unwanted Obsessive Attention

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After attending this presentation, attendees will have a basic understanding of the behavior and dangers of individuals who pursue others.

This presentation will impact the forensic community by promoting a better understanding of the dynamics of stalking cases.

Beginning about three decades ago, all states and the federal government enacted legislation regarding stalking behavior. Mental health professionals have been assessing and treating those who engage in the behavior for much longer. While the issue of stalking has long been known to the criminal justice system and mental health professionals, there is all too often a reluctance to take a multidisciplinary approach to the proper and safe management of these cases.

The motivations of stalkers, the real or imagined relationships they have with their targets, and underlying disorders combine to make these cases very complex to understand and address. By being able to identify and better understand the behavior of stalkers, both investigators and clinicians can gain insight into their motivation and, in many cases, anticipate their next actions.

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