



2025 Emergency Medicine Conference

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Speaker(s): Amir Louka, MD; Brittany Davis, DO; Tammy T Nguyen, PharmD, BCPS; Angela Lindsay, DO; Carlos Cevallos, MD; Lindsay Taylor, MD; Jordan Tozer, MD; Enjana Bylykbashi, MD; Grace Hickam Retter, MD

Topic: Recurring weekly topics in emergency medicine practice for residents and faculty. 5 hours of topics per week in lecture, group, and simulation formats. CME will be offered to faculty for the hours that are designated CME available, up to 3 hours per week.

Location:

Specialties: Emergency Medicine, Physicians

Faculty Disclosures:

Amir Louka, MD (Nothing to disclose - 10/30/2024)

Brittany Davis, DO (Nothing to disclose - 11/09/2024)

Tammy T Nguyen, PharmD, BCPS (Nothing to disclose - 08/08/2025)

Angela Lindsay, DO (Nothing to disclose - 12/03/2024)

Carlos Cevallos, MD (Nothing to disclose - 08/28/2025)

Lindsay Taylor, MD (Nothing to disclose - 07/17/2025)

Jordan Tozer, MD (Nothing to disclose - 05/08/2025)

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Purpose or Objectives: At the conclusion of this activity, the participant will be able to:

- 1 Apply emergency medicine principles to the assessment and management of acute psychiatric presentations, including suicidal ideation, homicidal ideation, psychosis, substance-induced behavioral changes, and agitation, ensuring patient and staff safety
- 2 Demonstrate competency in performing focused psychiatric evaluations, including mental status exams, suicide risk assessments, and capacity evaluations, within the time constraints and context of the emergency department
- 3 Utilize evidence-based protocols and clinical decision tools (e.g., Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale, medical clearance algorithms) to guide the management and disposition of at least 90% of psychiatric presentations
- 4 Explain, describe, and demonstrate emergency procedures relevant to psychiatric care, such as physical and chemical restraint protocols, de-escalation techniques, and medical clearance for psychiatric admission
- 5 Employ effective communication strategies tailored to psychiatric emergencies, including verbal de-escalation, trauma-informed care principles, and collaborative decision-making with patients and families when possible
- 6 Engage with interprofessional team members, including psychiatry, social work, nursing, and security, to coordinate care, ensure safety, and facilitate appropriate follow-up or inpatient placement for psychiatric patients
- 7 Incorporate real-time observation and feedback to improve diagnostic accuracy, refine interpersonal communication, and enhance situational awareness during emotionally charged or high-risk psychiatric encounters

Date/Time: 10/29/2025 8:00:00 AM

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