Literature Survey

Hospital Practice: Psychology's Call to Action

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The general public has recently made demands for continuity of care in psychological services from outpatient settings to inpatient facilities and back. These demands plus 3 economic and structural modifications within the nation's health-care arena, including the incursion of for-profit health-care corporations into the health delivery industry the 1985 Joint Commission of Accreditation of Hospitals decision to include nonphysician providers on hospital medical staffs, and the 1990 California Supreme Court Decision (CAPP v. Rank) ensuring full medical staff participation by California psychologists, have opened the doors to the independent practice of psychology in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, and day treatment facilities This article presents current professional realities for psychologists in hospitals and health-care settings and reviews the work of the American Psychological Association in support of hospital independent practice. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

A survey of mental health professionals' perceptions of the qualifications of clinical psychologists

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While the literature suggests that among the general public, there is an awareness that psychologists are competent to provide mental health treatment, there is little literature referring to how psychologists are perceived by their fellow mental health professionals (e.g., psychiatrists and social workers) regarding their professional roles. From observation, it appears that many nonpsychologist mental health providers, often are either uninformed or unwilling to acknowledge the expertise of psychologists in areas in which they are trained to practice. The purpose of this study was to determine similarities and differences between psychiatrists and social workers in their perceptions of the various competencies of of psychologists. Statistically significant group differences were found between psychiatrists and social workers regarding their perceptions of which psychologists are qualified to perform. Explanations for these differences were discussed as well as the limitations of the present study, and potential directions for future research.

At home or in hospital: Home treatment and mental health stigma

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Background Stigmatized attitudes towards people with mental illness may influence treatment choice for oneself and others. Aim To gauge the attitudes of the UK general public towards treatment at home for mental Background Stigmatized attitudes towards people with mental illness may influence treatment choice for oneself and others. Aim To gauge the attitudes of the UK general public towards treatment at home for mental To measure stigma, we used an adapted version of the Attitudes to Mental Illness Questionnaire (AMIQ) with vignettes asking about treatment at home and using scales for social distance and poor expectations; participants also filled in the Mental Health Knowledge Schedule (MAKS).