

# Philadelphia Human Rights Clinic Physician **Training** Saturday June 3rd, 2017



The PHRC is pleased to offer this free training session to teach physicians how to conduct and document a forensic evaluation for people seeking asylum.

Without a medical examination, 75% of asylum seekers are deported to their country of origin. With an evaluation, greater than 90% are granted refugee status.

The need is large:

- 40,000 people/year seek asylum in the United States
- 18-45% of asylum seekers are victims of torture
- In 2014, the Philadelphia Immigration court received 954 applications for asylum

The Philadelphia Human Rights Clinic's (PHRC) mission is to provide medical evaluations for asylum seekers in the U.S. due to persecution and torture in their home countries. The clinic trains physicians to perform physical & psychiatric evaluations of asylum seekers and trains medical students to complete affidavits.

PHRC was founded in 2012 as a collaboration between Physicians for Human Rights and medical students and physicians at the University of Pennsylvania, and currently includes Sidney Kimmel Medical College physicians and students as well. PHRC has provided evaluations for over seventy-five asylum seekers.

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Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Registration and Breakfast: 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Conference: 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Light breakfast and lunch will be provided

Location: Jordan Medical Education Center, 3400 Civic Center Boulevard, Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

#### **REGISTRATION FEE:**

There is no fee to register but pre-registration is **REQUIRED**

**REGISTER BY MAY 20 THROUGH EVENTBRITE:**

<https://phrcasylumeval2017.eventbrite.com>

Confirmations and additional details will be emailed to pre-registrants.

#### **COURSE CHAIR:**

Alisa R. Gutman, MD, PhD—Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry  
University of Pennsylvania

#### **TARGET AUDIENCE:**

Physicians, residents and fellows who will conduct physical and psychiatric evaluations as well as complete affidavits for asylum applicants.

#### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

Upon completion of this activity, learners should be able to:

- Summarize immigration and asylum processes in the United States and discuss the important role of the health professional and forensic documentation in these processes.
- Diagnose and evaluate the variety of presentations of emotional, psychological and physical sequelae characteristic of immigrant torture survivors and survivors of other human rights abuses who are seeking humanitarian protection in the US
- Integrate health professional skills and expertise within the legal framework to prepare medical-legal documentation and presentations of findings of human rights abuse
- Construct and write a medical affidavit of support for a survivor of torture or human rights abuse who is seeking asylum or another form of humanitarian protection in the US

#### **ACCREDITATION**

The Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

#### **DESIGNATION OF CREDIT**

The Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania designates this live activity for a maximum of 5.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.