

APA Official Actions

Position Statement on High Volume Psychiatric Practice and Quality of Patient Care

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APA Statement:

Psychiatrists must practice in ways that maintain the quality of the treatment provided and the safety of their patients. Financial, organizational or other administrative pressures imposed by psychiatric or non-psychiatric administrators should not compromise the quality or safety of the care psychiatrists provide, such as when these non-clinical pressures may impinge on the time allocated to conduct evaluation and treatment in conformance with standard of practice.

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