

Research and Clinical Interests

Dr. Edelstein's current research is in the areas of older adult decision making and older adult anxiety. With regard to decision making, he is particularly interested in factors that influence medical decision-making, and the decision-making competence of older adults. He is currently a member of a workgroup representing the American Bar Association and the American Psychological Association, that has created guides for the assessment of diminished capacity in older adults for lawyers and judges. The workgroup is currently creating a guide for psychologists. An anxiety project that will begin very soon will focus on social anxiety of older adults.

Dr. Edelstein also spends one day a week providing consultation and clinical services to Hopemont Hospital, a psychogeriatric hospital in nearby Terra Alta, WV. He also supervises WVU graduate students placed on practicum there.

Selected Recent Publications and Presentations

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