BOUNDARY VIOLATIONS

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After working through this program, you should be able to:

• Outline strategies for prevention, detection, and intervention for boundary violations

• Contrast sexual violation and sexual impropriety

• Describe the inherent power differences that constitute the primary factor in boundary violations

• Analyze the role that the perceptions of both participants play in boundary violations

• Identify cultural diversity issues as they relate to the potential for misunderstanding in the physician-patient encounter

• Recognize that boundary violations can occur in same gender as well as mixed gender relationships

• Assist residents in understanding the difference between healthy demonstrations of empathy and actions that might be construed as boundary violations