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Dr. Paul Clements is a psychiatric / forensic specialist from Virginia Beach , VA. He is currently an Assistant Professor at Old Dominion University in Norfolk , VA. His former positions include: Assistant Director/Bereavement Therapist at The Homicide Bereavement Center at the Office of the Medical Examiner in Philadelphia , Pennsylvania , and former Director of Operations for the City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health. He is an experienced therapist, trainer, consultant, and critical incident / trauma response specialist with almost 15 years experience in management and crisis intervention. Paul has provided counseling and crisis intervention to over 1500 families of murder victims, as well as to high numbers of surviving family members in the aftermath of suicide, industrial and occupational deaths, motor vehicle accidents, sudden infant death syndrome, and other types of sudden violent death, as well as to survivors of interpersonal violence such as sexual abuse, rape and stalking. Paul has provided nationwide corporate and hospital consultation to establish workplace procedures for violence prevention and development of risk assessment / management teams. In addition, he has conducted training and stress management seminars designed for State Police, EMT's, Child Protective Agency personnel, trauma/emergency nurses, attorneys and corporate executives. Paul has numerous publications and conference presentations regarding stress, trauma, violence and aggression, and coping after violent death and exposure to interpersonal violence and crime. He is an Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurse with national board certification as a Specialist in Child, Adolescent and Family Mental Health Nursing. Paul holds a Masters Degree in Child and Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Psychiatric Forensic Nursing, both from The University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia . His current research involves traumatic presentations and behaviors in youth exposed to the homicide of a family member. Paul is a Distinguished Fellow in the International Association of Forensic Nurses, and Associate Editor and Research Column Editor for the new *Journal of Forensic Nursing*.