



2012 Scientific Assembly Course Descriptions

Risk Management/ED & The Law

Beware! The New Hotbed of Litigation

TH-282 / 1 Hour

Faculty: Gregory P. Moore, MD, JD

Thursday, October 11 / 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

What's in vogue with the plaintiff attorneys these days? The speaker will use a case-based approach to discuss some of the recent lawsuits against emergency physicians involving ED protocols, lab follow-up, consultant directions, hydromorphone misadventures, and more. You will leave with take-home points that will change your practice and make you and your patients safer.

Case-Based High Risk Bounce Backs

WE-262 / 1 Hour

Faculty: Daniel J. Sullivan, MD, JD, FACEP

Wednesday, October 10 / 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

We all cringe when we hear the phrase, "Remember the patient you saw last night?". Do your responsibilities change as a provider caring for a patient with a return visit? The speaker will discuss the risk of lawsuit and adverse outcome for patients with return visits, identify which chief complaints and provider comments put you at increased risk. Strategies for approaching these patients as an individual provider as well as at a systems-based level also will be discussed.

Emergency Physician Liability Related to Triage, Crowding, and Boarding

TU-165 / 1 Hour

Faculty: Nathaniel R. Schlicher, MD, JD

Tuesday, October 9 / 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

During this course, the speaker will use a case-based approach to discuss some of the recent lawsuits against emergency physicians involving triage, crowding, and boarding in the ED. You will leave with take-home points about policies, procedures, and your practice that will make you and your patients safer.

GOTCHA! The Medical Chart: Anticipating the Lawyer's Review

MO-44 / 1 Hour

Faculty: Lee W. Shockley, MD, FACEP

Monday, October 8 / 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM

During this interactive course, the speaker will review emergency medicine charts and discuss how wording factors into lawsuits. You will learn how specific charting can help avoid getting sued and/or win the case if there is litigation.

Handoffs: Patient Safety and Legal Implications

WE-265 / 1 Hour

Faculty: Thomas E. Syzek, MD, FACEP

Wednesday, October 10 / 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Handoffs - we all do them but do we do them well? The speaker will analyze the patient safety and legal implications for emergency physicians when doing a handoff. You will go home with effective tools to improve patient safety and decrease your legal risk.

Make Yourself a Better Physician: Calculating and Communicating Medical Risk with Your

Patients at the Bedside

TU-167 / 1 Hour

Faculty: David H. Newman, MD, FACEP

Tuesday, October 9 / 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

In emergency medicine we prioritize tasks, tailor therapies, and make dispositions based on risk. Our frustrations are often direct consequences of a misunderstanding about risk. The speaker will define risk, discuss how to calculate it at the bedside, and illustrate how to communicate it with your patients when caring for those with head injuries, chest pain, pulmonary embolus, and syncope.

Medical Liability in the Age of Electronic Health Records

TH-275 / 1 Hour

Faculty: Daniel J. Sullivan, MD, JD, FACEP

Thursday, October 11 / 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM

A new federal law mandating the addition of electronic health records (EHRs) has changed the landscape of medical liability. Do EHRs put physicians at greater risk for violating Privacy Laws? Do they change the standard of care? Will physician departure from clinical decision rules/support protocols be used as evidence of negligence? The speaker will discuss the shifting landscape of medical liability with EHRs, their risks and benefits, and how physicians may be held accountable.

Medical-Legal Risks in Times of Everyday Crisis

WE-223 / 1 Hour

Faculty: Daniel J. Sullivan, MD, JD, FACEP

Wednesday, October 10 / 1:30 PM - 2:20 PM

What is a crisis? Is it a time when resources are overwhelmed and one cannot provide the standard of care? Crisis does not only occur during disasters but can be a day-to-day occurrence in the ED. Are there new medical-legal issues for emergency physicians practicing with overcrowding and daily resource limitations? The speaker will review the standard of care, medical-legal risks, and case law. Documentation strategies during times of crisis also will be recommended.

Popular Medical Legal Questions Asked: Now Answered

WE-201 / 1 Hour

Faculty: Gregory P. Moore, MD, JD

Wednesday, October 10 / 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

This is a potpourri course by an expert on medical-legal issues in emergency medicine. Audiences frequently ask questions such as "Who is responsible, the consultant or me?", "How do I minimize risk with consultants, pharmacists, holding orders?", "What do I do when I know there has been a bad outcome?" These questions will be answered as the center of the discussion. You are encouraged to e-mail specific questions in advance to gmoore4408@aol.com so they may be included in the presentation.

Post-Traumatic Litigation Stress Disorder: Acute and Chronic

WE-191 / 1 Hour

Faculty: Gregory L. Henry, MD, FACEP; Gillian Schmitz, MD, FACEP

Wednesday, October 10 / 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

All physicians under the threat of a lawsuit or when dealing with adverse events and bad outcomes have physical and psychological stress. When faced with these situations we need guidance in dealing with the effects. The speakers will analyze the short and long-term effects of adverse events and litigation threats on the emergency physician's personal and professional life, summarize resources available, and propose coping mechanisms when

dealing with these stressors.

Preparing for Your Deposition/Trial: How This Will Reduce Your Stress

TU-97 / 1 Hour

Faculty: Thomas E. Syzek, MD, FACEP

Tuesday, October 9 / 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

We live in a litigious society. Often the medical and legal systems collide. Preparing for your deposition or trial as a defendant is a time consuming process that is emotionally charged and potentially damaging. The speaker will familiarize you with the legal process, provide resources and tips for deposition and trial preparation, and analyze different plaintiff attorney question styles and personalities. After attending this course and you will be better prepared to handle yourself and the plaintiff's attorney when faced with this stressful situation.

Races and Community Events – When the Free T-Shirt Isn't Enough: Legal, Ethical, and Practical Considerations

MO-72 / 1 Hour

Faculty: Keith T. Borg, MD, PhD, FACEP

Monday, October 8 / 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Emergency physicians have broad-ranging skill sets that allow them to assist as volunteers outside the hospital. The speaker will expose the medical-legal and ethical pitfalls inherent in volunteer work. Strategies to minimize risk while maximizing their opportunities to make a difference will be provided.

What's New in EMTALA?: The Fastest Growing Area of Liability Related to the ED

WE-178 / 1 Hour

Faculty: Robert A. Bitterman, MD, JD, FACEP

Wednesday, October 10 / 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM

There is still a great deal that hospitals and emergency physicians don't know, routinely get wrong, and simply don't appreciate about how deep and consequential EMTALA is to their practices. The speaker will summarize EMTALA updates, including the new regulations on the application of the law to inpatients, whether hospitals have to accept inpatients in transfer, and the ramifications of these new regulations for emergency physicians and our academic/tertiary hospitals.

What's Your Liability? On-Call Issues and Transfers: What Every Emergency Physician Must Know

WE-212 / 1 Hour

Faculty: Robert A. Bitterman, MD, JD, FACEP

Wednesday, October 10 / 12:30 PM - 1:20 PM

As resources become more limited, most of us deal with on-call issues and transferring or acceptance of transfers as part of our everyday duties. There are key things that every emergency physician must know regarding the risks involved with these duties. The speaker will use case-based examples to illustrate emergency physician liability regarding transfers and on-call issues. Take home changes for departmental policies and procedures and recommendations for the individual physician will be proposed to assist in protecting us in these situations.

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