Resources for Professional Liability Litigation Process and Physician Coping Mechanisms

Websites

1. Physician Litigation Stress Resource Center
2. So you Have Been Sued (Information Paper). Developed by members of the ACEP Medical Liability Committee
3. MD Mentor
4. American Board of Legal Medicine. Medical Malpractice Stress Syndrome
5. Texas Medical Association (www.texmed.org) provides a number of resources related to the Stress of Malpractice Litigation including a CME program prepared by the TMA Committee on Physician Health and Rehabilitation, entitled, "Coping with Stress in the Practice of Medicine," that incorporates material on the specific stressor of malpractice litigation.
6. American Academy of Family Physicians (www.aafp.org) provides public access to a series of articles on Malpractice Stress. There is also a Malpractice article collection on their Website. An addition resource is: "Coping with the Stress of Being Sued," by Chantal M.L.R. Brazeau, MD.
7. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (www.acog.org) offers a CD-ROM for CME credit entitled “From Exam Room to Courtroom: Navigating Litigation & Coping with Stress” that is available for purchase. The college also offers litigation stress resources for members only.
9. The Sullivan Group was founded to help emergency practitioners establish best practices, enhance patient safety, and reduce both medical errors and the resulting exposure to litigation.
11. GPS for Malpractice Litigation. Louise B. Andrew, MD, JD, FACEP; April 1, 2010.
13. The Doctors Company. Membership maybe required for most sections.

WEBINARS

1. ACEP-Preparing for a Deposition- Dr. Greg Henry and Dr. Gillian Schmitz discussing deposition do’s and don'ts
2. ACEP – Top 10 Documentation Mistakes

BOOKS

1. Adverse Events, Stress and Litigation: A Physician’s Guide by Sara Charles, MD and Paul R. Frisch, JD
PEER to PEER COUNSELING

American College of Emergency Physicians (www.acep.org). Peer-to-peer counseling, a joint effort by the Wellness Section and the Medical Legal Committee, is available for members of the college involved in litigation. It is strictly confidential and is meant as a resource and support tool for physicians suffering from litigation stress. It does NOT offer legal advice or serve as a substitute for an attorney, risk management team, or counsel. Physicians are not allowed to discuss details of cases they are involved with, but rather discuss their emotions and impact the litigation has had on their work, family, and life. This is a forum for counseling and coping mechanisms, understanding the litigation process, and an opportunity for physicians to learn more about the resources that are available.

AUDIO SERIES

2. Malpractice support tapes, Christian Medical & Dental Association, Bristol, Tennessee

ONSITE LOCATION SPEAKERS (contact info)

1. Louise B. Andrew MD JD FACEP at www.mdmentor.com
2. Andrew Koslow ahkoslow at gmail.com
3. Gillian Schmitz gillianmd at gmail.com
4. Gregory Henry

ABSTRACTS and MANUSCRIPTS (Links to PDFs)

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   - Medical Malpractice Stress Syndrome. S. Sandy Sanbar, MD, PhD, JD; Marvin H. Firestone, MD, JD
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American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Committee on Professional Liability. 

2. Understanding the Litigation Process
   - So you've been named in a lawsuit?: What happens next? Brooke PS. *Nursing.* 2006;36(7):44-8.
   - Excerpts from Adverse Events, Stress and Litigation: A Physicians Guide by Sara Charles MD and Paul R. Frisch JD, provide an introductory glimpse into the guide's review of the litigation experience: An Outline of the Legal Process, the Summons, the Deposition

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