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• **Double Jeopardy: Risk in Neurovascular Emergencies**
  MO - 40/1 Hour(s)
  *Faculty: Andrew W. Asimos, MD, FACEP; Jennifer L’Hommedieu Stankus, MD, JD, FACEP*

  We are seeing an increased number of neurovascular emergency medical legal cases involving patients with TIA’s, strokes, dissections. Is this guideline related, communication related, or documentation related? A dynamic duo of speakers will analyze malpractice cases of patients with the above conditions, summarizing appropriate patient evaluations, treatment plans, communication, and documentation strategies in order to improve patient outcomes and decrease your risk for a lawsuit when dealing with these high-risk conditions.

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• **Double Jeopardy: Risk in Cardiology**
  TH - 366/1 Hour(s)
  *Faculty: Cameron K. Berg, MD, FACEP; Kurtis A Mayz, JD, MD, MBA*

  Chest pain, palpitations, and other cardiac complaints are among the most common complaints seen in the ED. However, the diagnoses hidden under these complaints can be some of the most critical and dangerous in EM. A dynamic duo of presenters will analyze some recent litigation involving cardiac diagnoses, and review both the risk management and the cardiology lessons that may be learned from these cases.

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• **High-Risk Cases in EM: Popular Topics**
  MO - 60/1 Hour(s)
  *Faculty: Kevin M. Klauer, DO, EJD, FACEP*

  Emergency medicine is a high risk specialty. Certain clinical entities, however, are predictable sources of bad outcomes and associated medical malpractice claims and lawsuits. The speaker will review common areas associated with risk in EM, reviewing the pitfalls of misdiagnosis and strategies to reduce risk to the patient and the provider. Medical malpractice cases will be utilized to illustrate key concepts.
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- **Black Box Drugs We Use – What’s the Risk?**
  TU - 95/ 0.5 Hour(s)
  *Faculty: Frank LoVecchio, DO, FACEP*

  The black box drug list seems to be growing yet we are constantly faced with drug shortages limiting our choices when caring for patients in the ED. Many of us have used these drugs extensively in the past and feel quite comfortable with continuing this use on our patients. What is our risk when we do this? Is it a reasonable risk? The speaker will summarize black box warnings on drugs frequently used in the ED, assess the risk of this continued use, justify appropriate use in specific patients, and identify critical documentation needed when choosing to use these drugs.

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- **Can I Get a Witness? Tricks and Tips for Being an Effective Witness**
  WE - 231/ 0.5 Hour(s)
  *Faculty: Kurtis A Mayz, JD, MD, MBA*

  Have you ever been asked to be a witness? Did you feel prepared to give your testimony? Being called as a witness can be an anxiety provoking experience, but it doesn’t have to be! Learn how to be effective when lawyers ask you to play in their court, a court of law. The speaker will discuss the characteristics of an effective witness. Common techniques used by lawyers when cross-examining witnesses will also be discussed to help you develop strategies for effectively answering their questions.

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- **GOTCHA! The Medical Chart: Anticipating the Lawyer’s Review**
  MO - 59/ 1 Hour(s)
  *Faculty: Diana Nordlund, DO, JD, FACEP*

  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.

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- **Chart Beyond the Note: The Cost of Cutting, Pasting, and Addending**
  TU - 99/ 1 Hour(s)
  *Faculty: Diana Nordlund, DO, JD, FACEP*

  Metadata is a growing area of interest for plaintiff's attorneys. This course will explore the ramifications of its discovery and application in a medical malpractice case.
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• Workplace Violence Against Emergency Healthcare Providers

MO - 91/ 1 Hour(s)

*Faculty: James P. Phillips, MD*

Do you feel safe in your emergency department? We’ll discuss staggering statistics regarding violence in our EDs, risk factors, underreporting, and expert recommendations to increase staff safety in lieu of future data.

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• High-Risk Actions You Do by Taking the Easy Road

TU - 140/ 0.5 Hour(s)

*Faculty: Nathaniel R. Schlicher, MD, JD, FACEP*

Sometimes the easy route is not the right route. Just admit them. A few opiates won’t hurt. Just one more CT. Discussion of the easy actions that we take and the risk that it exposes our patients and our practices to in the future.

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• ACEP Connect: Law Without OrdER - Three Court Decisions Impacting ED Patient Care

TU - 129/ 1 Hour(s)

*Faculty: Nathaniel R. Schlicher, MD, JD, FACEP; Jennifer L’Hommedieu Stankus, MD, JD, FACEP; Daniel J. Sullivan, MD, JD, FACEP*

Recent court decisions seem to prize use of a crystal ball over medical judgement when evaluating ED patients. Are we liable for a homicide without stated intent or named victim? Is psychiatric boarding and transfer for involuntary commitment an EMTALA violation? Can intoxicated patients leave the ED on their own accord? Attend this course to learn the answers.

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• The New Frontier of Criminal Liability

TU - 155/ 0.5 Hour(s)

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

Providers are coming under increasing threats of criminal reproductions for their actions in the care of their patients. A case-based exploration of current issues in criminal liability including pill mill legislation, liability for assault in the care of psychiatric patients, and negligent homicide in the place of medical malpractice.