

Course Descriptions

Post-Inauguration Health Care Reform

Join senior government relations and health care attorneys as they discuss the changes resulting from Health Care Reform and what to expect in the future.

Addressing Possible Criminal Activity Discovered through Peer Review

Peer review processes have revealed that, over the past two years, “Dr. Money” performed medically unnecessary procedures and “Dr. Nogood” listed procedures in his operative report that he never performed. All procedures have been billed and paid. Join this panel of specialists as they discuss how to handle the results of peer review that reveal criminal, compliance and civil liability exposure.

805 Reporting: Balancing Patient Safety and the Physician’s Career

Sometimes we see the tail wagging the dog – in other words, a disciplinary decision based on whether or not a report must be made to the Medical Board of California. Join us for a discussion of the reporting requirements, Medical Board enforcement activities and the decision to file, and alternatives and repercussions to filing, a Business and Professions Code Section 805 report.

Adverse Event Reporting; Transparency & Apology; and Medical Staff ERM

What happens after the adverse event occurs? Reporting? Root Cause Analysis? Apology? Join this panel of practiced professionals as they discuss what should be reported, and how an event should be handled at the time of the event and in the post event period. Learn the issues surrounding Medical Staff Enterprise Risk Management and the integral role of the organized medical staff in addressing adverse events and taking action to avoid such events in the future.

Lunch: Topic Tables

Choose a topic table at lunchtime, and be part of an interactive discussion with your colleagues and peers on a select topic. Planned topics include: Government and Health Care with Jon Bouker; Running a Medical Staff Meeting with Ray Casciari, M.D.; Medical Staff Office Management Issues with Cindy Radcliffe; Employed, Contracted and Administrative Physicians and Peer Review with Lowell Brown; and the Aging Physician with Erin Muellenberg. This is the time to raise issues and interchange ideas that challenge everyone dealing with organized medical staffs.

Interactive Case Studies and Disciplinary Proceedings

Ever wonder what a Judicial Review Committee looks like? This is your opportunity to participate as a member of the hearing panel and watch the direct examination and cross examination of a material witness in a mock disciplinary hearing. This session will also focus on a series of case studies in which small groups will analyze and propose actions for specific fact scenarios. The small groups will then have an opportunity to present the cases and recommendations to the larger group for discussion.

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Flash Points Sessions

Handouts for all sessions will be available and the speakers will be available to answer any questions.

Disruptive Practitioners: Practical Management & Strategies

Specialized attorneys will discuss the recognition, peer review and management of the disruptive practitioner, including how to manage difficult scenarios and practical strategies to educate and rehabilitate the offender. Come away with a better understanding of when it is necessary to take definitive disciplinary action.

HIPAA and the Medical Staff

Skilled health care attorneys will discuss the challenges presented by HIPAA and the medical staff through an interactive program of case studies and other scenarios. Topics include how to handle the knowledge that a physician on your medical staff is admitted with a disabling condition or has gained unauthorized access to a medical record. Also learn how to handle a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights relating to a physician's conduct.

Bylaws Flash Points

What key points should be addressed in your medical staff bylaws? Are there areas that have been troublesome? Can the hearing and appeals processes be revised to render them more efficient or realistic for taking disciplinary action? What is the best way to handle external review? Can a committee have Evidence Code Section 1157 protection if the committee is not named in your bylaws? These issues and others that hinge on your bylaws will be discussed in this session.