

LEGAL MEDICINE FCM-172A

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Will careful conscientious practice protect you from being sued? It won't!

WHAT YOU **MUST** KNOW FOR CLINICAL PRACTICE, BUT WON'T LEARN IN ANY OTHER COURSE, IN ANY CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE, OR IN ANY RESIDENCY PROGRAM:

- How do you prevent a patient's complications from being blamed on you?
- What must a patient prove to sue you successfully for malpractice?
- What is "lack of informed consent" and how can you avoid it?
- What is a "battery" on a patient and how can you avoid it?
- What are your responsibilities for non-compliant patients?
- What are the legal requirements for, and implications of consultations?
- When and to whom can you disclose confidential patient information?
- Which patients are you required to report to a government agency?
- When can you be sued successfully for someone else's negligence?
- Under what circumstances can you legally treat minors?
- And much more.

The course content is **essential** for medical, nursing and dental students. In Legal Medicine FCM-172A, you will learn how to comply with the legal requirements of practice, understand the relationship between law and medicine, minimize your liability risk, and protect the legal rights of your patients. Learn this from a medical and legal prospective **without** the myths and misconceptions about the law so often repeated by non-lawyers and perpetuated among clinicians. An extensive course handout is provided. Offered Fall quarter on Tuesdays, 5:10 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There are no pre-requisites and no required textbook. No legal background is required.

SOME OF THE COURSE TOPICS:

• The nature and organization of the law. • Distinguishing medical ethics from law. • The elements required for medical liability. • What is medical negligence. • Abandonment of patients. • Failure to refer patients. • Lack of informed consent. • Failure to warn patients or others. • Failure to follow manufacturer's directions. • Clinician conflicts with staff. • Failure to follow practice guidelines. • Violating statutes.	• What must be reported to government agencies. • Good Samaritan laws. • Statutes of limitations. • Battery and false imprisonment. • Consent and implied consent. • Consent for patients with mental disorders. • Power of Attorney for Health Care. • Consent for treatment of minors. • Invasion of a patient's privacy and HIPAA law. • Partnership and employment liability. • Legal relationships of hospitals and hospital personnel.
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TAKING THIS COURSE WILL FAVORABLY IMPRESS PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS!