

LEGAL MEDICINE FCM-172B

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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 tell a patient about a complication of care?
- How do you tell the patient's family about a tragic outcome?
- How do you document a bad medical outcome in the patient's records?
- What do you say to a patient who was injured by another clinician's care?
- How do you document a patient's non-compliance or belligerence?
- How do you deal with patients' demands for access to their own records?
- How do you properly document an informed consent disclosure?
- How do you properly respond to a subpoena requesting medical records?
- What do you document and say to a patient who is threatening to sue you?
- What types of mistakes could lead to revocation of your professional license?
- And much more!

The course content is **essential** for medical, nursing and dental students. In Legal Medicine FCM-172B, you will learn how to avoid unnecessary and time-consuming defensive practices while minimizing your liability risk, how to comply with the legal requirements of practice, what to do following a poor patient outcome, and how to best protect yourself in litigation. 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 Winter 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:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical record keeping: what and how much to document, choosing the right words, and what to omit.• Confidentiality of patient records, and effects of HIPAA.• Patient access to their own records.• Electronic patient records and their hazards.• Maintaining trust and rapport when communicating with patients and their families.• Communicating with patients and their families about poor medical outcomes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economic realities of malpractice lawsuits.• What factors make a malpractice lawsuit more likely.• Litigation (deposition, medical records, witnesses).• Elements of trial.• Principles of evidence.• Testifying effectively.• The power of licensing boards to suspend or revoke a license, and the bases for license revocation. |
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TAKING THIS COURSE WILL FAVORABLY IMPRESS PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS!