

Medicolegal Meeting Calendar

ASLM MEETINGS

National Conference on Negotiating Physicians' Compensation in a Fee-for-Service Environment, at Loew's L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, D.C. on June 15-17, 1980. The effectiveness of the negotiation process and its use by physicians and third party payors to determine physician compensation levels and other practice aspects in a fee-for-service environment will be explored in this two-day national conference. The conference, which is being co-sponsored by the American Medical Association, Department of Negotiations, and the American Society of Law & Medicine, will attempt to evaluate the utility of negotiations in resolving disputes among physicians, hospitals, insurers, and governmental regulators as well as in establishing provider compensation levels. The conference is intended for physicians, medical society executives and leaders, attorneys, hospital administrators and fiscal executives, financial consultants to provider groups and health care institutions, private and public health care insurance personnel, state and federal health care regulators, and representatives of the purchasers (private and public) of physician services.

Legal and Ethical Aspects of Treatment for the Critically and Terminally Ill Patient, at the Radisson South Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota on June 5-6, 1980, and at the Ambassador West Hotel in Chicago, Illinois on October 16-17, 1980. Each meeting will be co-sponsored by the appropriate state hospital, medical, bar, and nursing associations and provide an opportunity for physicians, nurses, health care executives, ethicists, and attorneys to discuss the legal and ethical issues inherent in providing medical care to critically or terminally ill patients. The specific problems involving critically ill newborns and mentally incompetent patients will also be addressed.

Medical Determinations in Workers' Compensation, at the International Inn in Washington, D.C. on October 9-11, 1980, and at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, California on October 23-25, 1980. The conference is intended for attorneys engaged in the area of workers' compensation claims, for insurers who must evaluate and decide upon such claims, for the adjudicators of workers' compensation proceedings, and for physicians who testify or examine patients seeking compensation. Medical

experts will discuss the current medical knowledge related to causality assessment and work-relatedness of an injury or disease as well as the reliability and validity of the medical techniques used to evaluate disability impairment resulting from work-related injuries. The conference will also examine the role and validity of medically developed standards and the presentation of medical evidence or testimony in workers' compensation cases.

National Conference on Patients Rights, at Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee on September 29-30, 1980. The conference, which is being co-sponsored by the Society of Patient Representatives of the American Hospital Association, will address the overall successes and failures of the movement for patients' rights and will discuss such specific rights as informed consent, refusing treatment, confidentiality and privacy of medical records. Statutory provisions as well as court made law will be analyzed concerning their efficacy in implementing patient rights.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Critical Issues in Medical Technology, at Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, MA (April 13-16, 1980). Contact: Professor Ernest G. Cravalho, Harvard-M.I.T. Division of Health Sciences and Technology, Room 16-520, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Autoerotic Death and Sexual Homicide, at Boston University School of Nursing, Boston, MA (April 15, 1980). Contact: Joyce Dubiel, Boston University School of Nursing, 635 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215.

Risk Management and Malpractice Liability Control Techniques, at Downingtown Inn, Downingtown, PA (May 2-3, 1980); at Lincolnshire Resort, Chicago, IL (May 16-17, 1980). Contact: Registrar, InterQual, 740 North Rush St., Chicago, IL 60611.

The 1980 Health Executives Development Program, at Ithaca College, NY (June 16-26, 1980). Contact: Health Executives Development Program, Malott Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.

Workshop on Ethics and Public Policy, at Washington College, Chestertown, MD (June 22-28). Contact: Dr. Peter G. Brown, Director, Center for Philosophy and Public Policy, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

Workshop on Bioethics 1980, at Westminster College in London, Canada, (July 6-12, 1980). Sponsored by The Hastings Center, Westminster Institute for Ethics and Human Values, and the Department of Philosophy, University of Western Ontario. Contact: Michael D. Bayles, Director, Westminster Institute for Ethics and Human Values, Westminster College, London, Canada N6G 2M2.

Neuropsychiatric Issues in Law, Education, and Medicine, at Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, Kamuela, Hawaii (August 15-20, 1980). Contact: Gail Waldron, M.D., Southern California Neuropsychiatric Institute, 6794 La Jolla Blvd., La Jolla, CA 92037.

Announcement

Abstract Contributors Wanted

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The Editors are inviting all members of the Society to participate in this new feature by authoring and submitting abstracts of current readings they believe to be of special importance to others interested in health law and medicolegal issues. Editorial changes may be made in the interest of style. Authors of articles published in other professional journals or book chapters are also encouraged to submit an abstract to MEDICOLEGAL NEWS, 520 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215.