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## Legislative Report Highlights Current Issues in Illinois Medical Liability

Every year, the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) releases an end-of-session legislative report, a deep-dive into its efforts to prevent harmful medically-related state legislation from advancing.

The just-released report touts ISMS' accomplishments in lobbying for physicians, including the following medical liability issues:

- Prevented trial lawyers from repealing the *Medical Studies Act* and removing the confidentiality of hospital peer review meetings.
- Stopped proposals to inappropriately expand the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation's authority and to automatically suspend physician licenses, preserving due process in medical discipline.
- Introduced legislation that would repeal a recent trial-lawyer supported bill which reduced the size of juries in civil cases.

Stay tuned to *ISMIE News* for updates on important medical liability developments in Illinois.



## Ensure Your Patients' Privacy is Protected, Not Exposed

*Emails, texts, laptops, portals, tablets ...* it's obvious that personal health information is spreading across an ever-growing range of media and devices. This makes encryption an essential tool for keeping your records and communications secure.

Learn the basics with **Decoding Encryption**, a live, 45-minute webinar on **August 11 at noon** that will explore strategies to implement encryption and help you understand the risks posed by using unencrypted systems/communications.

There is no charge for ISMIE policyholders and staff. Policyholders can earn a 1% premium discount and physicians can earn *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* upon completion. Sign up today by visiting [www.ismie.com](http://www.ismie.com).

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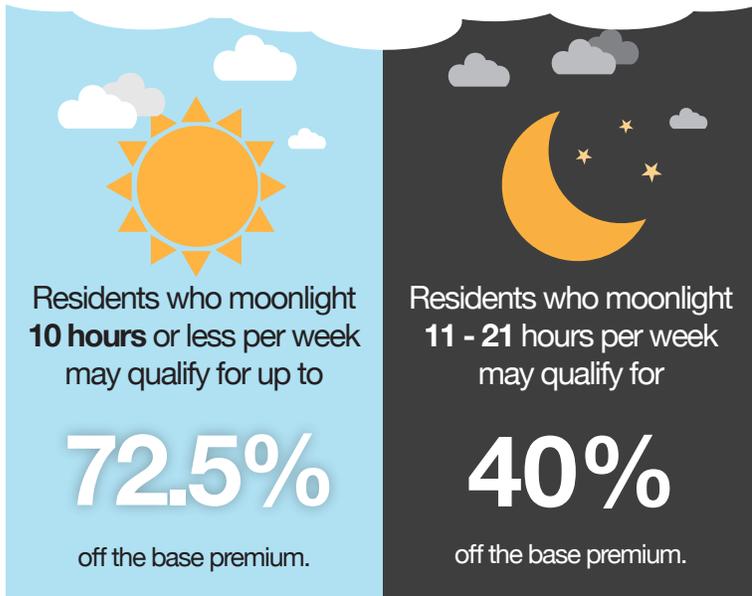
- Individual Physicians
- Partnership/Corporation or Clinic Option
- Ambulatory Surgical Facility
- Allied Health Personnel
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## Latest “Lesson” Urges a Quick Response to Disruptive Clinician Behavior



Medical clinicians must cope with a plethora of daily pressures, and sometimes one’s proverbial “cool” is lost. When that happens, colleagues, administrators and patients are often hesitant to deal directly with the fallout.

Check out **Disruptive Clinician Behavior**, the latest “Lesson from the Field,” which focuses on how to address disruptive behavior immediately so that patient safety and practice risk are minimized. Take the “Lesson” today and discover:

- A detailed case study pinpointing specifics on what to do in the aftermath of a clinician “blow up.”
- What constitutes disruptive behavior and a list of actions deemed disruptive.
- Alarming statistics on the frequency of disruptive behavior and how it affects a health care setting overall.

Previous installments of “Lessons from the Field” are archived on [www.ismie.com](http://www.ismie.com). Questions? Please contact ISMIE’s Risk Management Division at 800-782-4767 ext. 3300 or email [riskmanagement@ismie.com](mailto:riskmanagement@ismie.com).

## Patient Communication: Not Just For Physicians Anymore

Attend the live seminar, **The Patient Experience: What Is It Like to Be the Patient?**, and learn how all practice team members, from physicians to their various staffs, can create solid relationships with patients, minimize problems and enhance the patient experience.

Sign up at [www.ismie.com](http://www.ismie.com) and plan ahead for one of the following dates:

**September 29** – Hoffman Estates

**October 6** – Mount Vernon  
(Rend Lake Resort & Conference Center)

**November 17** – Alsip

ISMIE policyholders and their employed staff are welcome to attend. CME offered; breakfast and lunch will be provided.