



Last Chance! Sign Up Today for the Nov. 17 ISMIE Risk Management Symposium

You're down to the final days to register for "Emerging Risks," the 2nd Annual ISMIE Risk Management Symposium happening November 17 at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont.

This day-long program is open to all health care professionals, and you'll hear from seven top health care thought leaders on the latest trends in care models, genetic testing, opioid abuse, polypharmacy, cybersecurity, health IT and much more.

ISMIE-insured physicians and clinicians can attend the event for free, employed staff members of ISMIE policyholders may attend for \$199, and all other clinicians, practice administrators and risk managers may attend for \$499.

Register online at www.ismierms.com or call 800-782-4767.



And Don't Miss 'Communications for Staff' Nov. 28 at ISMIE Headquarters

Today's current health care environment calls for effective, meaningful communications with patients and colleagues – ultimately, patient outcomes rely on it. **Communications for Staff: The Keys to Building Trust and Improving the Patient Experience** goes beyond the basics into what truly makes these relationships successful.

ISMIE's last live educational event of the year is free to policyholders and employed staff and runs from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. at our headquarters, 20 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Register online at www.ismie.com/staff or call 800-782-4767.

'A Personal Decision' Helps Your Patients Discuss and Set End-of-Life Health Care Preferences

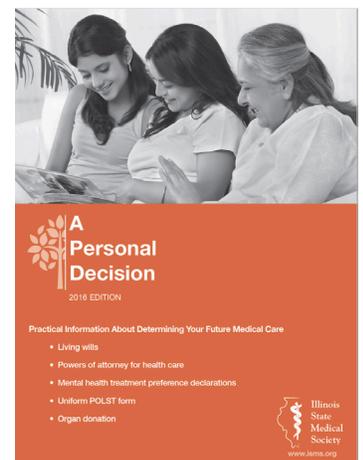
Did you know that Medicare now reimburses for advance care planning counseling? Here's a resource you can share with your patients to help them put their final health care preferences in place.

"A Personal Decision" was created by our partners at the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) as an easy-to-understand guide to the legal issues and documentation necessary in Illinois to confirm one's end-of-life health care preferences. While not a substitute for individualized advice from a legal or qualified personal advisor, this booklet offers both practical guidance and examples of forms for Illinois patients to document their choices.

ISMS members can request up to 300 free print copies per year. ISMIE policyholders who aren't ISMS members may purchase this resource at money-saving bulk rates. ISMS also makes the booklet available as a free download.

One more thing: As families gather for the November and December holidays, now is a particularly good time to suggest this planning activity to patients.

To order 'A Personal Decision,' go to www.ismie.com/decision or call 800-782-4767.

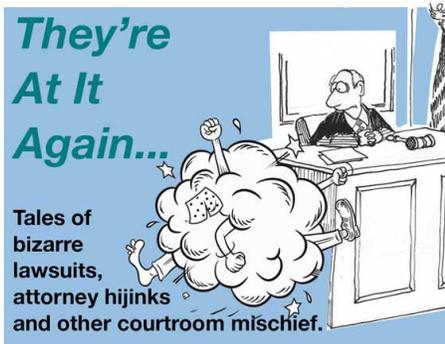


Butting Heads

A high-profile \$75 million settlement in an NCAA concussion case has kicked off another nasty scrimmage – over \$21 million in attorneys' fees, of course.

The original case dates back to 2011 and a lawsuit filed by a former Eastern Illinois University football player. Now, two litigators in the case that sparred over legal strategy are now fighting over the spoils. No doubt the plaintiffs could spend another six years of wrangling in court to figure out how much the lawyers will get.

The attorneys' pay arguments have more twists and turns than a hook-and-ladder play, and it's clear both sides are ready to go into overtime. Whoever wins, we expect justice to end up on the bottom of the pile.



Dec. 31 is the Deadline for Renewing Illinois Medical Corporation Licenses. Not Sure About Your Status? Check Now!

In Illinois, medical and professional service corporations and limited liability companies are required by law to renew their licenses annually with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR).

The renewal deadline is December 31.

While it's important to know that not all Illinois physicians operate under these specific types of business entities, now is a good time to check your status, particularly if you've adjusted your practice model this past year.

Our partners at the Illinois State Medical Society have created an Issue Brief to guide your first-time or renewal licensing process, and it's generally a good idea to check in with your practice attorney or other qualified expert before you take action.

To download the brief, go to www.ismie.com/corp. Last January, the state reported that many physician practices had failed to renew. Don't let yours be one of them.

Reminder: The 31st falls on a Sunday this year, and IDFPR's renewal process can only be done online at www.idfpr.com. If you have additional questions, contact David Porter at 312-580-2468 or email davidporter@ismie.com.

How's That Managing Risk Coursework Coming? Start Now and Beat the Year-End Deadline!

One way to ensure a relaxing holiday season – and maximize your premium discounts – is to finish your qualifying ISMIE Managing Risk coursework now!

Check your completed coursework at www.ismiemutual.com and schedule time to finish the rest **before midnight, December 31**.

Questions? Contact us at riskmanagement@ismie.com or **800-782-4767**.

