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*They're at it Again ...*

### A Rock, a Hard Place and a Lawsuit

Too often lawsuits are used as tools for covering up a bad personal choice. Case in point: a 32-year old Brooklyn, NY man, who after falling off a massive boulder in a public park, [is filing a lawsuit against the city](#). He told a local newspaper: "Just because

## 1. The Scoop on EHR Liability, Meaningful Use Audits at Upcoming Webinars

Spring is the time of plans and projects. So if you're still getting up to speed on the details of your practice's EHR, pay attention: Two upcoming ISMIE webinars will cover what you need to know.

### Will Your EHR Help or Hinder You?

Using an EHR system means that retrieving a patient's chart is more involved than just a trip to the filing cabinet. So if a liability claim occurs, physicians must know how to correctly use and store their EHR data to best provide the proper documentation.

Need help? Start with [Emerging Areas of EHR Technological Liability: Will Your EHR Help or Hinder You?](#), an online webinar taking place **May 7 at noon**. Right from your home or office, you'll learn to recognize emerging areas of EHR liability, how to minimize the risk of these common pitfalls and understand your legal obligations as an EHR user.

I'm an adult doesn't mean I don't get to explore the world."

Certainly no lawyer would bring such a ridiculous lawsuit to court, right? Wrong.

The boulder "just invites you or anybody with any athletic sense to give it a try," said his attorney, who is suing for unspecified damages.

Let's hope this not-so rock-solid lawsuit rolls itself right out of the courts!

## Could Your Office Pass an EHR Meaningful Use Audit?

If your practice is receiving government payments after attesting to "meaningful use" of EHR technology, pay attention: **You may be subject to an audit.**

Learn what triggers them and more at [Meaningful Use Audits: Can Your Office Pass?](#), a webinar taking place **April 16 at noon**. You'll learn what the audit process entails, and, more importantly, what steps you can take to avoid being selected for one.

Both webinars offer CME; open to physicians and their practice staffs.

Questions? Please contact ISMIE's Risk Management Division at 800-782-4767 ext. 3300 or [by email](#).

## 2. Study Slams Illinois Medical Liability Environment

A [recent study](#) by the American College of Emergency Physicians called the medical liability environment in Illinois "the most pressing problem" facing emergency care in the state. Medical liability awards average nearly \$600,000 here, making it the second highest average in the country.

The report also stated that Illinois' lack of medical liability reforms will jeopardize its ability to keep qualified

doctors and medical professionals from moving to other states where more protections against frivolous lawsuits exist.

While this study only focuses on emergency medicine, its findings speak to all Illinois physicians: More safeguards against frivolous lawsuits and massive legal costs are needed at once!

### 3. Access Your Loss History in a Snap

Need your loss history info? Is a hospital, surgery-center, or regulatory agency requesting it?

If so, just [log in to MyISMIE](#), a personalized online resource in which you can access your latest loss history report. Here you can also delve into your billing summary, Risk Rewards statement and other relevant policy information you may need.

For more information, [email](#) the Underwriting Division or give them a call at 800-782-4767 ext. 3350. If you utilize an insurance broker, you may also wish to contact him or her.

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