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Our Memorial Day Message: Don't Forget Military Doctors

In honor of Memorial Day, ISMIE would like to give a special salute to military doctors, past and present.

Military doctors have served in

1. Don't Let Poor Patient Communication Lead to Liability Woes: Sign up for June 5 Seminar

The ability to relate to patients and colleagues of different ages, education levels and ethnicities is more important than ever, as ISMIE loss data continues to show that communication breakdowns are a significant factor in medical liability lawsuits.

So sign up for [Fellowship Fundamentals: Communication](#) on **June 5 in Chicago** to further develop your techniques on building rapport and expressing empathy with all types of patients and health care professionals.

This live, half-day interactive program for policyholders will pinpoint specific instances, such as consultations, hand-offs and discharges, when communicating important patient information is especially imperative.

Policyholders may earn a 1% premium discount and fulfill a Managing Risk Fellowship requirement by taking this seminar.

every American war since the 1770s and are responsible for indispensable medical innovations developed on the battlefield, ranging from penicillin to helicopter evacuations.

[Read more](#) about the history and impact of military doctors. Our appreciation for their service and accomplishments knows no bounds.

[Sign up today!](#)

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

2. Five Fast Facts About Your Medical License Renewal

It's a medical license renewal year! Here are five important tips to keep in mind.

1. The deadline to renew is **July 31**.
2. The cost for your three-year medical license renewal is \$690. Controlled substance licenses, at a cost of \$15 per location, should also be renewed at this time.
3. Avoid the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR)'s service charge by letting ISMIE guide you through the process.
4. We're standing by to help; just call **800-632-7478** during our regular business hours of **8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday**.
5. When you call, you'll need the PIN noted on the postcard mailed to you from IDFPR. Or, if you don't have the PIN, you may still renew by providing your medical license number, Social Security Number and date of birth.

If you have general questions about license renewal, please contact Audrey Vanagunas, 800-782-4767 ext. 2465, or [send an email](#). We look forward to assisting you!

3. Once a Judicial Hellhole, Mississippi Rebounds After 10 Years of Tort Reform

Everyone loves a comeback story, and this [particular one begins in Mississippi](#) during the early 2000s where a large number of liability lawsuits were causing surging insurance premiums for doctors and hospitals throughout the state.

But after instituting a cap on non-economic damages and new "venue shopping" restrictions, the number of liability lawsuits dropped significantly from nearly 11,000 in 2002 to only 3,500 in 2012.

Attention Illinois lawmakers: How about plotting our state's comeback from being the land of lawsuits? Bottom line — a comeback that keeps doctors in Illinois and provides more access to health care would be welcome by Prairie State patients.

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