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They're at it Again ...

Kudos to California Governor for Standing Up to Legal Skullduggery

They're at it Again ... salutes California Gov. Jerry Brown, who [signed a state law this week](#) authorizing state courts to punish lawyers engaging in tactics "that are frivolous or solely intended to cause unnecessary delay."

ISMIE Meets Medical Liability Carrier Challenges Head-On

Mergers, acquisitions and consolidations have led to significant changes in the medical liability insurance industry. Fortunately for policyholders, ISMIE remains ahead of the curve.

So much so that [Modern Healthcare](#) asked ISMIE Mutual Chairman Harold L. Jensen, MD, to weigh in on these latest developments: "The trend toward hospitals and national practice-management firms buying medical practices make top-line growth very difficult for every medical professional liability carrier," Jensen said. "While we write policies in one of the most competitive markets in the nation, we remain confident of our market leadership."

ISMIE has maintained that "market leadership" - and a 91 percent policyholder retention rate- by providing stable and reliable medical liability policies continuously since 1976. And we don't plan to stop any time soon.

Protect a Growing Practice with Higher Policy Limits

In many cases, a medical practice is at greater risk because of its more expensive assets, such as property, medical or laboratory equipment, and computers.



So if you've achieved your goal to significantly grow your practice, know that ISMIE can secure higher policy limits for partnerships, medical corporations and clinics/groups as necessary.

Our underwriting flexibility allows ISMIE to create a policy

The bill aims to relieve the Golden State's congested court system, which is too often clogged by the delays, interruptions and stall tactics of dubious plaintiff lawyers.

Hats off to Gov. Brown for backing up with action that is too often only said in words: Intentional court delays take a collective toll on the economy and our legal system.

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that is designed to meet the specific needs of each policyholder. Send questions [via email](#) or call 800-782-4767 ext. 3350. If you utilize an insurance broker, you may also wish to contact him or her.

[Learn more about ISMIE's custom coverage.](#)

Three Reasons to Attend a Practice Management Day

In honor of the three remaining Practice Management Days in 2014, here are three reasons it's in your best interest to attend:

1. Timely topics - This year's sessions include *Establishing a Quality Improvement Program*, *Protecting Privacy and Security in Your Practice*, *The Do's and Don'ts of E-communication and Social Media* and *Practice Requests: A How-to Guide*.

2. Flexible locations - Policyholders, practice managers and employed staff are encouraged to attend one of the following programs, which run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

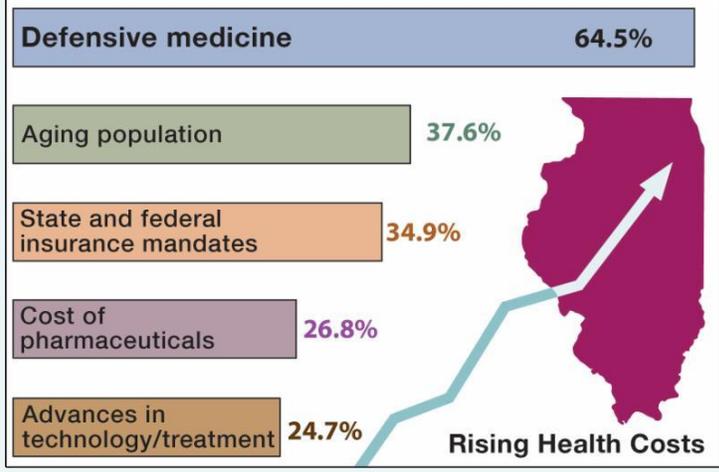
- [October 7 in Rockford](#)
- [October 23 in Hoffman Estates](#)
- [November 18 in Alsip](#)

3. Great value - All programs are offered at no charge to policyholders and their staff. CME available; breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Of course there are many more reasons to attend; [learn more and sign up today.](#)

Questions? Please contact ISMIE's Risk Management Division at 800-782-4767 ext. 3300 or email riskmanagement@ismie.com.

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