



ISMIE Rolls Out Streamlined Clinic Assessment



Get All Your Risk Assessment Questions Answered on February 25

New in 2020, ISMIE is offering a streamlined clinic assessment for eligible policyholders!

Our Risk Management team has consistently found that clinicians in the same clinic use the same or similar risk management techniques, medical record documentation systems, and other procedures across the entire organization.

As a result, we've adjusted our clinic assessment to provide the same high-quality, personalized view of a medical clinic's professional liability risk without requiring a risk assessment for each individual policyholder.

To learn more about our Risk Assessment process, including the new clinic assessment, join us **February 25** for "Preparing for Your Risk Assessment," a live seminar to be held at our Chicago office. Our risk management specialists will provide an engaging overview of the process, explain what they'll be looking for, and offer tips on how to prepare.

Seats for this seminar fill up fast – be sure to secure your spot today!

[Register now.](#)

All ISMIE policyholders and their employed staff are invited to attend free of charge.

Questions? Contact the ISMIE Risk Management team by [email](#) or call 800-782-4767.



Three New Online Fellowship Courses for 2020-2021 Now Available

Whether you're completing Risk Management's Fellowship Program for the first time or renewing in 2020, here are three new online courses that must be completed to earn the two-year,

10% discount:

- [Fellowship: Risk Management Essentials – 2020-2021](#)
- [Fellowship: EMR on Trial](#)
- [Fellowship: Social Determinants of Health](#)

Each course will take one to three hours to complete and offers policyholders CME credit and ABIM-MOC points, if applicable. Policyholders who earned this discount in 2019 will not need to renew their discount until 2021.

These course requirements will be current through 2021. Policyholders are welcome to get an early start if they wish!

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FDA Warning: Certain Patient Monitoring Devices at Risk for Cyberattacks

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [is warning health professionals](#) about cybersecurity vulnerabilities for certain [GE Healthcare Clinical Information Central Stations and Telemetry Servers](#), typically used by hospitals and healthcare facilities.

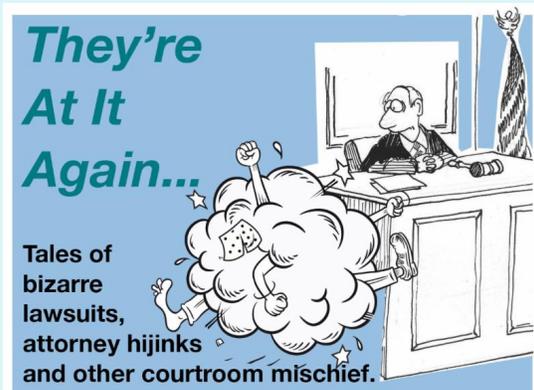
These monitoring devices are used to display a patient's vital signs, and can be monitored remotely.

According to the FDA, hackers could gain control of these computer programs and meddle with the devices' important functions, even causing the system to generate false data.

The FDA advises that these systems be segregated from a facility's network and urges users to take precautions to mitigate any outside attacks.

ISMIE offers a [Cybersecurity](#) resource for policyholders, which covers liability risks, potential threats and what you can do to safeguard your organization or practice.

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Lawyer on the Lam Nabbed in Nicaragua

Last month, U.S. Marshals [arrested a West Virginia lawyer](#) who fled the United States back in 2016 over accusations of fraudulent billing.

The attorney reportedly billed the state more than \$600,000 during a two-year period. Most of our readers probably won't blink an eye seeing a high-six-figure legal bill, but as you'd expect,

there is more to this story.

The lawyer was billing the Mountain State for legal services allegedly provided to the indigent, which pays \$45 per hour.

Let's crunch some numbers. If those hours split out evenly over both years, that's \$300K per year, which comes out to 6,666.66 hours billed each year. In a non-leap year, the **total** number of hours on the calendar tally up to 8,760. That's the equivalent of billing the state almost 18 hours per day, for *each and every day of the year*. No wonder he took that trip to Nicaragua. He must have been dead tired!

On top of it all, West Virginia cites a flawed accounting system that somehow allowed him to bill multiple days in which he claimed to work **more than 24 hours in the day**.

Hope he has a good lawyer.

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