

Malpractice and MICRA Reform: What Every Doctor Must Know

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**Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm. Box Lunch Provided.
Manhattan Beach Marriott, 1400 Parkview Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266**

TARGET AUDIENCE: This activity is intended for all Physicians, Dentists and Podiatrists. There are no prerequisites.

EDUCATION NEEDS: Malpractice accusations are a fact of life for doctors today. As malpractice awards have increased in amount and frequency, the cost of malpractice insurance has risen sharply. Research shows that the threat of litigation and the cost of malpractice insurance have negative effects on the way doctors practice. As a result of these pressures, many practice Defensive Medicine (DM), "defined as medical practices in which health-care providers' primary intent is to avoid criticism and lawsuits, rather than providing for patients' medical needs." DM and Defensive Dentistry waste resources that could be put to better use and drive up the cost of healthcare for everyone. They also cut access to care by decreasing the number of providers and eroding their willingness to perform certain procedures. Doctors need to learn better strategies for managing the malpractice crisis.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES: At the conclusion of this meeting, attendees should be able to

- Articulate the relationship between litigation threat, insurance costs, and the way they practice.
- Identify their own defensive practices.
- Estimate the cost to patients of their defensive practices.
- Formulate systems-based solutions to address errors that can serve as alternatives to their own defensive practices.
- Advocate for changes to the legal-medical system that reduce errors and enhance patient care better than the current model does.
- Advocate for positive malpractice laws, like MICRA, that are now under attack.

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MICRA opponents want to eliminate the \$250,000 cap on non-economic damages and require random drug tests for doctors. Learn how to protect yourself and your patients from harm. Hear from experts in the field, including:

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Richard Thorp, M.D., President, California Medical Association

David J. Weiss, Esq., Principal at the Law Offices of David J. Weiss

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¹Anderson, Richard E. "Effective legal reform and the malpractice insurance crisis." Yale J. Health Pol'y L. & Ethics 5 (2005): 343.

²Seabury, Seth A., et al. "On average, physicians spend nearly 11 percent of their 40-year careers with an open, unresolved malpractice claim." Health Affairs 32.1 (2013): 111-119.

³Tiernan, John. "How to avoid litigation." Faculty Dental Journal 4.1 (2013): 24-28.