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The Real World of Medicine: Legal Aspects Mini-Elective Spring 2009

<u>Course Dates:</u>	March 2, 9, 16, 23 Mondays, 1:00-3:00 PM
<u>Maximum Students:</u>	8
<u>Class Year:</u>	MS2
<u>Course Directors:</u>	Paul Rosen, MD, MPH, MMM Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, UPSOM, Clinical Director of Rheumatology, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Richard P. Kidwell, Esq. UPMC Associate Counsel and Director Of Risk Management
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Description:

This class examines how the legal system may affect your medical practice. The goal is to give you a basic understanding of the factors that can lead to legal action. The course will rely on practitioners from law, finance, and insurance industries to share their perspectives and engage the class. This course should augment your learning from the 'Basic Science of Care' course and the 'Ethics, Law, and Professionalism' course. In this course, we will focus on developing the awareness and behaviors that are required to become a successful physician.

Objectives:

1. Understand the behaviors you can adopt to reduce the risk of legal action.
2. Understand the legal risk of being a medical student and resident.
3. Understand the variation in insurance premiums.
4. Understand the costs involved with insurance and legal protection.
5. Discuss the concepts behind 'defensive medicine.'
6. Understand the basics of asset protection.
7. Introduction to models of tort reform.

Requirements:

Class attendance and participation.

Course Outline

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Paul Rosen, MD, MPH, MMM

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, UPSOM,

Clinical Director of Rheumatology, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

Richard P. Kidwell, Esq.

UPMC Associate Counsel and Director of Risk Management

Additional Faculty:

John Gismondi, John Conti, Andy Thurman, Pamela Grimm, Robert Voinchet, Chris Bosser

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Location:

All sessions

Children's Hospital Main Tower, Room 3889

Rheumatology Conference Room

Week 1—March 2, 2009:

Malpractice (John Gismondi, Rick Kidwell, John Conti)

- Documentation and Communication.
- Plaintiff perspective.
- Psychological effects of being sued.

Week 2—March 9, 2009

Personal finance and Office Management (Andy Thurman and Pamela Grimm)

- Financial planning.
- Human resources.
- Legal risks in practice settings.

Week 3—March 16, 2009

Insurance (Robert Voinchet and Chris Bosser)

- Specialty and geographic rate variance.
- Underwriting.
- Claims

Week 4—March 23, 2009

Tort Reform (Robert Voinchet and Rick Kidwell)

- Health Courts
- Patient Safety
- No-fault compensation
- Managed-Care Organizations

