2009 Legal Symposium for Nurse Practitioners
Current Advanced Practice Issues

April 1, 2009

This symposium is specifically designed for nurse practitioners to examine challenges that impact their practice including legal and legislative issues and trends, negotiating employment contracts, choosing liability insurance, coding and billing issues, setting up a successful practice and malpractice perspectives.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

7:30 a.m.   Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m.   Welcome and Introductions

8:15 a.m.   The Road Ahead: Legal and Legislative Issues and Trends
            Jan Towers, PhD, NP-C, CRNP, FAANP
            Director of Health Policy, American Association of Nurse Practitioners

            Session Objectives:
            • Identify current national and regional legislative issues affecting advanced nurse practitioner practice.
            • Explore potential legislative and regulatory trends that may influence future APN practice.

9:45 a.m.   Break and Exhibits

10:15 a.m.  Negotiating Your Employment Contract: Keys to Success
            Jan Towers, PhD, NP-C, CRNP, FAANP
            Director of Health Policy, American Association of Nurse Practitioners

            Session Objectives:
            • Discuss essentials components, including a non-compete clause, for nurse practitioner employment contracts.
            • Identify successful employment contract negotiation strategies.

11:30 a.m.  Lunch and Exhibits
12:30 p.m. Choosing Liability Insurance to Fit Your Practice Needs

*Judith Simmons*
*Beatty Insurance*

Session Objectives:
- Identify the value and importance of appropriate liability insurance to advanced clinical nursing practice.
- Describe legislative and other factors affecting liability insurance options for the advanced practice nurse.

1:45 p.m. Concurrent Breakout Sessions (choose one session to attend)

**Coding and Billing: Issues and Solutions for Nurse Practitioners**
*Erin Gregorcyk, CPC*
*Reimbursement Specialist, Texas Medical Association*

Session Objectives:
- Discuss current clinical coding guidelines for the evaluation and management of clients in inpatient and outpatient settings.
- Identify documentation guidelines to support quality patient care and obtain appropriate reimbursement.

**How to Be Successful in Setting Up Your Own Practice**
*Barbara Miller, RN, MSN, APN*
*Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner*

Session Objectives:
- Identify the essential steps for an advanced practice set-up.
- Discuss two of the pitfalls of setting up your own practice.

2:45 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. Perspective on Nurse Practitioner Malpractice: Plaintiff-Defendant
*Panel Moderator – Nancy Willson, Attorney at Law, RN, JD, MSN, MA*
*Roper Willson and Willson*

Session Objectives:
- Discuss the two most frequent reasons APNs are sued for malpractice.
- Describe two actions that an APN can take to decrease the risk of being sued.
- Identify two behaviors of the APN that can increase the risk of being sued.

4:15 p.m. Summary and Evaluation

4:30 p.m. Adjourn
CONTINUING NURSING EDUCATION INFORMATION

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Registration fee includes all materials, continental breakfast, breaks and box lunch.

Click here to register or call 817-272-2581.

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SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

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The University of Texas at Arlington
300 W. First Street
Arlington, TX 76019

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