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**The 33rd Annual Conference on
Obstetrics, Gynecology, Perinatal Medicine,
Neonatology, and the Law
January 2-6, 2017**

**The 17th Annual Multispecialty Conference on
Medical Negligence and Risk Management
January 5-8, 2017**

**Hilton Los Cabos Beach & Golf Resort
Cabo San Lucas, Mexico**

The 33rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE
**OBSTETRICS, GYNECOLOGY, PERINATAL
MEDICINE, NEONATOLOGY, AND THE LAW**
JANUARY 2-6, 2017

and

The 17th ANNUAL MULTISPECIALTY CONFERENCE
**MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT IN
MEDICINE, SURGERY, EMERGENCY MEDICINE,
RADIOLOGY, AND FAMILY MEDICINE**
JANUARY 5-8, 2017

Two conferences sharing one day in common. Select one or come to both (the second at a reduced rate). The reviews of the 32nd and 16th Annual Conferences were again outstanding, continuing the tradition of this highly successful joint series.

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Conference Overview

It is medical student graduation season and the air is filled with their choral intonation of the Hippocratic Oath, Declaration of Geneva, or the Oath of Maimonides. Thrilled with gratitude, they are about to embark on a lifetime journey with the primary goal of helping people. None would argue with the expressed ethical guidelines, humanitarian goals, and the exhortation “First Do No Harm”. Their departure, however, is heralded by glaring headlines in the New York Times that MEDICAL ERRORS MAY CAUSE OVER 250,000 DEATHS A YEAR [In the US]. Beyond the awesome toll of deaths are many patients with serious to devastating life-time injuries.

In a recent survey, commissioned by the Betsy Lehman Center in Boston, 23% of surveyed adults in Massachusetts reported experiencing a diagnostic error in the last five years, with 75% of these errors occurring during treatment at a hospital. The National Practitioner Data Bank reports that from 2004-2014 there were 154,621 medical malpractice payments and 392,100 adverse actions taken against physicians.

Given the flow of catastrophic data, isn't it time to get real? There is an urgent need to focus the attention of our medical students and graduates on the continuing crisis and lack of patient safety. I suggest it is time to add a supplementary invocation that could include the following:

- **I will** listen to my patients.
- **I will** document key information and recommendations.
- **I will** recognize my duty to warn patients of risk.
- **I will** obtain informed consent.
- **I will** be cognizant of my limitations.
- **I will** not be arrogant.
- **I will** take a family history.
- **I will** carefully check prescription dosage, prescribed and administered.
- **I will** seek help if I become dependent on drugs/alcohol.
- **I will** communicate with physicians who care for the same patient.
- **I will** refer and confer.
- **I will** see the laboratory report for the test I order.
- **I will** not visit my religious, racial, or eugenic views upon my patients.
- **I will** adhere strictly to surgical checklists and time-outs.
- **I will** admit and apologize for an error.
- **I will** say “I don't know,” when I don't know.

Medical students need to be better schooled about causes and prevention of medical errors instead of becoming part of the killing fields. A final invocation could remind them of their profound duty.

These two multispecialty conferences bring into sharp focus new and established guidelines and standards of care, issues of competence, new advances, new judicial opinions, and ethics. The first conference concentrates on pregnancy, its management and the newborn, while the interdigitating and overlapping second conference takes up discussion along similar themes, but in multiple specialties.

The major objectives in these two conferences are to enhance the continuing education of a range of specialties in medicine and allied professions, including obstetrics, gynecology, midwifery, neonatology, medicine, surgery, family medicine, emergency medicine, cardiology, radiology, human genetics, and ethics. The key reasons that have characterized the success of these conferences for the past 32 and 16 years, respectively, are the highly qualified and renowned medical faculty, and the insights and lessons concerning the role of law and lawyers, communicated by acknowledged “super lawyers.” Only through a thorough understanding of the complexities of medicine and law can physicians and litigators hope to deal effectively with the continuing challenges of medical and legal practice.

The specific goals of these conferences are to:

1. Teach healthcare professionals to better comprehend the machinations of negligence law, and to develop a more complete awareness of the need for anticipatory and safety practice.
2. Teach legal professionals about the complex issues encountered in the practice of medicine, including the intricacies of decision-making, aiming to sharpen their understanding on behalf of their clients, both plaintiff and defense.

Once again, an extraordinarily experienced and superb faculty has been assembled for the 33rd and 17th anniversary conferences that will be important to all the specialties mentioned including nurse practitioners, trial attorneys, in-house counsel, pediatricians, primary care physicians, insurers and claims personnel, risk managers and all providers of healthcare.

At the conclusion of this conference, healthcare professionals will be able to articulate the role of law and lawyers in medical malpractice and discuss the complexities of the legal process.

At the conclusion of this conference, legal professionals will be able to describe the best-evidence in medical malpractice as it pertains to obstetrics, gynecology, midwifery, neonatology, medicine, surgery, family medicine, emergency medicine, cardiology, radiology, and human genetics.

Major topics for the first conference include:

- *Fetal malposition with/without dystocia*
- *Active pushing in labor: How long is too long?*
- *Keeping mothers safe*
- *Antepartum fetal surveillance*
- *Neuroimaging and neonatal encephalopathy: Timing and prognosis*
- *Neonatal seizures, encephalopathy, and the “new genetics”*
- *The “expert” with an outlandish hypothesis and dubious evidence*
- *The Apgar score and cerebral palsy*
- *Structural brain abnormalities in pre-term infants*
- *Dysmorphism, syndromes, and alleged brain injury*
- *An error of judgment or negligence?*
- *Traumatic deliveries, urinary incontinence, sexual dysfunction, and liability*
- *Preexisting genetic disorders and litigation*
- *Same Ob/GYN standards in community vs. teaching hospitals?*
- *Decision-to-Incision time: Evidence and outcome*
- *Uterine fibroids, hysterectomy, and morcellation*
- *Cancer, family history, and liability*
- *Concurrent gestational hypertension and diabetes*
- *Vicarious liability: Hospital vs. physician vs. midwife vs. genetic counselor*
- *Which guidelines for risk assessment in venous thromboembolism prevention?*
- *Macrosomia and induction: Standards of care*

Major Topics for the overlapping second conference include:

- *Fetal-maternal hemorrhage: Hidden Hazards*
- *Physician competence, incompetence, or negligence*
- *Preeclampsia and eclampsia: Prediction and liability*
- *Mesh in gynecological surgery: Pitfalls and problems*
- *False testimony: Can the “expert” be sued?*
- *Diagnostic errors in primary care practice*
- *What should have been in the emergency department record*
- *Imaging of the benign and malignant breast lesion*
- *Injuries and increasing liability in pain medicine*
- *The psychiatric patient in the emergency department*
- *Seeing and perceiving in radiographic interpretations*
- *Communication failures, patient injury, and litigation*
- *Professional boundaries: Risks and benefits*
- *Mammography: Neither black nor white*
- *Risk management in the treatment of cardiac emergencies*
- *Complications, mishaps, and liability in anesthesia*
- *The electronic medical records: Vulnerabilities*

- *Therapeutic hypothermia and encephalopathy: Benefits, risks, and rules* *and liabilities*
- *Craniocerebral compression, ischemic encephalopathy, and the Affordable Care Act*

Faculty

Aubrey Milunsky, MD, DSc, FRCP, FACMG, DCH

Conference Chair

Founder and Co-Director

Center for Human Genetics, Cambridge, MA

Adjunct Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Tufts University School of Medicine

Formerly Professor of Human Genetics, Pediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynecology and Pathology,

Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, MA

Professor Milunsky is internationally known for his work in prenatal genetic diagnosis, molecular genetics, and the epidemiology of birth defects. He is the author, editor, or co-editor of 25 books and author or co-author of over 441 scientific communications. He is the Founding Editor and Co-Editor of *Genetic Disorders and the Fetus: Diagnosis, Prevention and Treatment* (7th edition). The 6th edition of this major worldwide reference text for prenatal diagnosis received the “**Highly Commended**” **Award** from the British Medical Association. His latest trade book entitled *Your Genes, Your Health: A Critical Family Guide That Could Save Your Life* is also being published in Indonesian. He has given invited lectures in 35 countries, (including the Vatican). He has been honored, by election, as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of England, and with an award for excellence in teaching. He is an editorial board member of *Prenatal Diagnosis*. Boston University has named the *Aubrey Milunsky Chair in Human Genetics*.

Jeff M. Milunsky, MD, FACMG

Conference Co-Chair

Co-Director, Center for Human Genetics

Director, Clinical Genetics

Senior Director, Molecular Genetics, Cambridge, MA

Adjunct Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Tufts University School of Medicine

Formerly Professor of Pediatrics, Genetics and Genomics, Boston University School of Medicine,

Boston, MA

Professor Milunsky is known internationally for his work in clinical and molecular genetics with special reference to his expertise in the diagnosis, evaluation and management of genetic connective tissue disorders. He is the co-editor of *Genetic Disorders and the Fetus: Diagnosis, Prevention and Treatment* (7th edition). The 6th edition received the British Medical Association “**Highly Commended**” **Medical Book Award**. Professor Milunsky is the author or co-author of at least 290 scientific communications. He is an elected member of the Society for Pediatric Research. He has been listed repeatedly in **Top Doctors in Boston (Genetics)**.

Sean C. Blackwell, MD

Emma Sue Hightower Professor and Chair, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences,

Director, Larry C. Gilstrap M.D. Center for Perinatal and Women’s Health Research,

Assistant Dean, Healthcare Quality in Perinatal Medicine and Women’s Health,

UT Health-McGovern Medical School at Houston, TX

Chief of OB/GYN Service, Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital- Texas Medical Center, Houston, TX

Professor Blackwell is known internationally for his work in maternal-fetal medicine. He is the author or co-author of 352 scientific communications. He was the co-editor of a volume of *Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinics of North America*, on practical approaches to controversies in obstetric care. He is the editor for *Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinics of North America* and *Obstetrics and Gynecology International*. He has been the recipient of multiple awards for teaching excellence and received the **Mentor of the Year Award** in District XI from the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He has been listed repeatedly in *Houstonian Top Doctors*. Professor Blackwell serves on the editorial boards of multiple prestigious journals including the *American Journal of Perinatology*.

Michael Jay Bresler, MD, FACEP

Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine
Stanford University School of Medicine
Attending Physician, Department of Emergency Services,
Stanford University Medical Center, Palo Alto, California

Professor Bresler is known nationally for his work in emergency medicine. He is the author or co-author of over 50 scientific communications. Professor Bresler is the coauthor of 5 books, the most recent of which are *Textbook of Cardiovascular Care and CPR* and *Cardiovascular Emergencies*. He has been honored repeatedly at national, state and regional levels with **Awards for Outstanding Leadership, achievement, dedication and service**. Most recently he was the recipient of a **Lifetime Achievement Award** for his service to **Stanford Emergency Medicine** at Stanford University School of Medicine and with the **Eleanor and Christian Guigne III Award** for outstanding leadership and exemplary contributions to the quality of life and healthcare of the community. He has served on the editorial boards of multiple prestigious journals and remains a consultant to *Annals of Emergency Medicine*. He has had extensive legislative activities that included authorship of both federal and California state legislation, including testimony before committees of the Senate and Assembly, with extensive negotiation with members of Congress and the California state legislature.

Aaron B. Caughey, MD, PhD

Professor and Chair, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology,
Associate Dean for Women's Health Research and Policy,
Director OHSU Center for Women's Health,
Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR

Professor Caughey is known internationally for his work in maternal-fetal medicine. He is the author or co-author of 1534 scientific communications. Professor Caughey has been the recipient of at least 20 **Outstanding Teacher Awards**, and was also the recipient of a **Faculty Award** from the Oregon Health Sciences University Student Council. He has served on the editorial boards of multiple prestigious journals including *World Diabetes Journal*, *Journal of Maternal-Fetal and Neonatal Medicine*, and *Acta Obstetrica et Gynecologica Scandinavica*. He is an examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology for maternal-fetal medicine.

Mary E. D'Alton, MD

Willard C. Rappleye Professor and Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons
Director, Obstetrics and Gynecology Services
New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York, NY

Professor D'Alton is known internationally for her work in maternal-fetal medicine with special reference to maternal serum screening, fetal imaging and high risk pregnancy. She is the co-editor of 8 books, the latest entitled *Obstetric Imaging, Expert Radiology Series* and 13 monographs. She is also the author or co-author of 411 scientific communications. Professor D'Alton has been the recipient of many honors, for teaching, research and service but especially for election to **The National Academy of Medicine**. She serves on the editorial boards of multiple prestigious journals including the **Journal of Perinatal Medicine** and *Prenatal Diagnosis*. She is an examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology in maternal-fetal medicine.

Karen B. Domino, MD, MPH

Professor & Vice Chair for Clinical Research, Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine
Adjunct Professor, Neurological Surgery, Washington University School of Medicine,
Harborview Medical Center and University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, WA

Professor Domino is known nationally for her work in anesthesiology. She is the author or co-author of at least 328 scientific communications. She is the co-editor of a recent book entitled, *Complications and Mishaps in Anesthesia: Cases, Analysis, Preventive Strategies*. Professor Domino has been honored for her excellence in teaching, and with the **John A. Bonick Award** for faculty mentoring at the University of Washington, Department of Anesthesiology. She has served on the editorial boards of multiple prestigious journals, including the *American Journal of Anesthesiology* and the *Journal of Neurosurgical Anesthesiology*. She is the past **President of the Board of Directors** of the **Society for Neuroscience in Anesthesia and Critical Care**. She is an examiner for the American Board of Anesthesiology.

John A. Farchione, JD

Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP
Denver, CO

Mr. Farchione has a national reputation and has over 25 years of trial experience, specializing in the defense of healthcare professionals, hospitals, and their insurers in high-exposure medical malpractice cases, especially in the area of birth trauma. He has tried more than 100 cases across the country for a variety of clients. He has been appointed to multiple national panels of attorneys assembled from around the country, who combine their experience and talents to provide the best defense available in catastrophic cases.

Dianne Georgian-Smith, MD, FACR, FSBI

Associate Professor of Radiology, Harvard Medical School,
Director of Tomosynthesis, Division of Breast Imaging
Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

Professor Georgian-Smith is known internationally for her work in breast imaging. She is the author or co-author of at least 96 scientific communications, and dozens of award winning exhibits. She is a member of the **Women's Imaging Online Advisory Panel**. She has repeatedly been the Instructional course program Director for Breast imaging for the American Roentgen Society. Professor Georgian-Smith is also a reviewer for the American College of Radiology with program accreditation in both mammography and breast ultrasound.

Terrie E. Inder, MBChB, MD

Mary Ellen Avery Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School,
Chair, Department of Newborn Medicine
Mary Horrigan Connors Center for Women's Health and Gender Biology
Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

Professor Inder is known internationally for her work in neonatal neurology. She is the author or co-author of 259 scientific communications. Professor Inder has been honored repeatedly for her research in newborn medicine and with an award as a **Doris Duke Distinguished Clinical Scientist**. She has also been the recipient of a clinical award for recognition of clinical care and service from the St. Louis Children's Hospital Foundation. She serves on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Pediatrics* and the *Journal of Neurodevelopmental Disorders*.

John A. Lancione, JD

Lancione & Lancione, LLC
Rocky River, OH

Mr. Lancione is a plaintiff attorney in Ohio. He has been listed in **Ohio Super Lawyers** for a dozen years, with special reference to medical malpractice litigation. He is also recognized among **Best Lawyers in Cleveland for Medical Malpractice** and been recognized as **Lawyer of the Year** in the Cleveland area. He is a member of the **Board of Governors** of the **American Association for Justice**. He is recognized nationally and has lectured widely. He obtained the largest medical malpractice verdict in Tuscarawas County, Ohio.

Gordon D. Schiff, MD

Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School
Safety Science Director,
Harvard Center for Primary Care Academic Innovations Collaborative,
Associate Director,
Brigham and Women's Center for Patient Safety Research, Boston MA

Professor Schiff is known internationally as a leader in patient safety and for improving diagnosis and preventing diagnostic errors. He is the author or co-author of at least 216 scientific communications. He is the editor of a book entitled *Getting Results: Reliably Communicating and Acting on Critical Test Results*. Professor Schiff is also the co-author of three monographs, the last being *Contributor Patient Safety Research: An Overview of the Global Evidence*. He chairs the editorial board of *Medical Care* and serves on the editorial boards of *Journal of Public Health Policy* and *British Medical Journal Quality and Safety in Health Care*. He has been the recipient of many honors, including a **Lifetime**

Achievement Award from the Institute for Safe Medical Practices and an award for **Outstanding Leadership, Service, and Dedication** from the American Public Health Association.

Mark D. Walters, MD

Professor of Surgery

Lerner College of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University

Vice-Chairman of Gynecology,

Head, Center of Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology,

Head, Section of General Gynecology, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH

Professor Walters is known internationally for his work in urogynecology and reconstructive pelvic surgery. He is the co-author of 5 books, the latest two being *Hysterectomy for Benign Disease* and *Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery [4th edition]*. Professor Walters is the author or co-author of 235 scientific communications. He is also co-editor of two online internet journals on urogynecology, and editor-in-chief of the online website of the **International Academy of Pelvic Surgery**. He is the past president of the Society for Gynecologic Surgeons and has previously served on the editorial board of the *International Urogynecology Journal*. Professor Walters has been honored repeatedly by the Society of Gynecologic Surgeons and the American Urogynecologic Society for his many **Prize papers**. He is listed in “**Best Doctors in America**” for 18 years.

Accommodations

HILTON LOS CABOS BEACH & GOLF RESORT * Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

The Center for Human Genetics, Inc. has secured a room block at the Hilton Beach and Golf Resort, which will be available until November 25, 2016, **or until it is sold out.**

Partial Ocean View: \$319

Ocean View: \$349

Suites from: \$449 to 699

The above rates are based on single or double occupancy and are subject to 16% Government Tax and 10% hotel service fee and 3% lodging tax, per room per night. Rates are effective for arrivals on Saturday, January 1 to departures on Sunday, January 10, 2017. A charge of \$40 per adult per room per night will be assessed for a third adult, plus taxes and fees. Children 17 and under stay complimentary using existing bedding. Maximum of 2 adults/2 children or 3 adults per room.

Arrivals prior to January 1, 2017, are on request basis only, subject to availability, and are priced at the full public rate in effect at that time.

For information on making your travel arrangements and to book your accommodations, please visit www.travelplannerstexas.com/chg2017, accessible online via the Center's website www.chginc.org

What Participants Are Saying:

This was an exceptional conference, as usual. This is my 10th conference and they are all fantastic.

Great, well-respected and very knowledgeable speakers, pertinent topics for both physicians and medical malpractice lawyers, and well organized and presented content.

"I have been in law practice for 38 years. This is the best conference I have ever attended."

The "gold standard" for birth trauma conferences! This conference far exceeded my expectations, as most speakers were very engaging and well-prepared. I most certainly will be back in the future.

Very good seminar! The combination of lawyers and physicians provided a very nice dynamic and it's always enlightening to hear problems analyzed from different perspectives.

"Best conference I have ever attended!" (comments from many participants)

"Thanks for creating such a unique type of conference – my 5th and always interesting, informative and useful"

"Always an outstanding program, superlative faculty, and an exotic location"

"As always an excellent course."

"A wonderful conference."

78% of registrants rated the conference as excellent, 21% as good for the 32nd year.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2017

4:00-6:30pm *Registration*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017

7:15am *Continental Breakfast*

8:00am **Welcome and Introduction**
Aubrey Milunsky, MD, DSc, FRCP, FACMG, DCH

8:15am **Management of Fetal Malposition With/Without Dystocia**
Aaron B. Caughey, MD, PhD

Legal Commentary and Discussion
John A. Lancione, JD
Joseph A. Farchione, JD

9:00am **Guidelines for Active Pushing in Labor: How Long Is Too Long?**
Sean C. Blackwell, MD

9:40am **Can We Keep Mothers Safe?**
Mary E. D'Alton, MD

10:20am *Refreshment Break*

10:35am **Antepartum Fetal Surveillance: Indications for Delivery**
John A. Lancione, JD

11:15am **Neuroimaging in the Evaluation of Neonatal Encephalopathy: Timing
and Prognosis**
Terrie E. Inder, MBChB, MD

Legal Commentary and Discussion
John A. Lancione, JD
Joseph A. Farchione, JD

12:00pm **Neonatal Seizures, Suppression and Encephalopathy: The Impact of the
“New Genetics”**
Jeff M. Milunsky, MD, FACMG

12:40pm **Expert Panel Discussion**

1:00pm *Adjourn*

6:30-7:30pm *Welcome Reception*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2017

7:15am *Continental Breakfast*

8:00am **The Apgar Score and Cerebral Palsy: Is the Expanded Apgar Score now the Standard of Care?**
Sean C. Blackwell, MD

Legal Commentary and Discussion

John A. Lancione, JD
Joseph A. Farchione, JD

8:45am **Structural Brain Abnormalities in Pre-term Infants: Predictors and Prognosis**
Terrie E. Inder, MBChB, MD

9:25am **Dysmorphism, Syndromes and Alleged Brain Injury: Genetic Considerations**
Jeff M. Milunsky, MD, FACMG

10:05am *Refreshment Break*

10:20am **Traumatic Deliveries, *Inter Alia*, Urinary Incontinence, and Sexual Dysfunction: Long-Term Consequences and Liability**
Mark D. Walters, MD

Legal Commentary and Discussion

John A. Lancione, JD
Joseph A. Farchione, JD

11:05am **Preexisting Genetic Disorders: Avoiding Litigation**
Aubrey Milunsky, MD, DSc, FRCP, FACMG, DCH

11:45am **Community and Rural Hospitals with Obstetrical Services Should be Held to the Same Standards as Teaching Hospitals?**

Debate:

Sean C. Blackwell, MD vs. Mary E. D'Alton, MD

12:30pm **Expert Panel Discussion**

Terrie E. Inder, MBChB, MD
Sean C. Blackwell, MD
Mary E. D'Alton, MD
Mark D. Walters, MD
Jeff M. Milunsky, MD, FACMG

1:00pm

Adjourn

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017

- 7:15am *Continental Breakfast*
- 8:00am **Uterine Fibroids, Hysterectomy, and Morcellation: Issues and Controversy**
Mark D. Walters, MD
- Medicolegal Commentary and Discussion**
John A. Lancione, JD
Joseph A. Farchione, JD
- 8:45am **Cancer, Family History, and Liability**
Aubrey Milunsky, MD, DSc, FRCP, FACMG, DCH
- 9:25am **The Compounding Challenges of Concurrent Gestational Hypertension and Diabetes**
Sean C. Blackwell, MD
- 10:05am *Refreshment Break*
- 10:20am **Risk Assessment for Venous Thromboembolism Prevention: Which of 3 Different Guidelines Should Be Followed?**
Mary E. D'Alton, MD
- 11:00am **Macrosomia and Induction: Expected Standard of Care**
Aaron B. Caughey, M.D, PhD
- 11:40am **Clinico-Legal Case “Testimony” and “Counter-Testimony” by Experts**
Mary E. D’Alton, MD, Aaron B. Caughey, MD, PhD
vs.
Sean C. Blackwell, MD, Terrie E. Inder, MB, ChB, MD, Mark D. Walters, MD, Jeff M. Milunsky, MD, FACMG
- Cross Examination:**
John A. Lancione, JD
Joseph A. Farchione, JD
- 1:00pm *Adjourn*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017 (Joint Conference Day)

- 7:15am *Continental Breakfast*
- 8:00am **Welcome and Introduction**

Aubrey Milunsky, MD, DSc, FRCP, FACMG, DCH

8:15am

Fetal-Maternal Hemorrhage: A Serious Hazard

Mary E. D'Alton, MD

8:55am

Prediction and Liability in the Management of Preeclampsia and Eclampsia

Aaron B. Caughey, MD, PhD

9:35am

The Use of Mesh in Gynecological Surgery: Pitfalls and Problems

Mark D. Walters, MD

10:15am

Refreshment Break

10:30am

Therapeutic Hypothermia for Newborns with Hypoxic-Ischemic Encephalopathy: Benefits, Risks, and Rules

Terrie E. Inder, MBChB, MD

11:10am

Cranio-cerebral Compression, Ischemic Encephalopathy, and the Affordable Care Act

Joseph A. Farchione, JD

11:50am

Medicolegal Forum

Discussants: John A. Lancione, JD, Joseph A. Farchione, JD

Commentators: Mary E. D'Alton, MD, Sean C. Blackwell, MD, Mark

D. Walters, MD, Aaron B. Caughey, MD, PhD, Terrie E. Inder, MBChB, MD

- The “Expert” with an Outlandish Hypothesis and Dubious Evidence
- Decision-to-Incision Time: Evidence & Outcome
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- Physician Competence, Incompetence, or Negligence
- False Testimony: Can the “Expert” Be Sued?

1:00pm

Adjourn

Accreditation

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AND

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Physicians

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of **Coverys** and the **Center for Human Genetics**. **Coverys** is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The 33rd Annual Conference

Coverys designates this live activity for a maximum of **19 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The 17th Annual Conference

Coverys designates this live activity for a maximum of **14.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Joint Conference

Coverys designates this live activity for a maximum of **28.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

CME, CLE, and RISK MANAGEMENT CREDITS

To receive CE credit, participants must sign-in, attend the entire activity and complete and submit the activity evaluation provided in syllabus materials. Certificates/statements of credit will be emailed/mailed within 4-6 weeks after the activity. All questions to CME Office at 617-526-0322 or adiaz@coverys.com

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has assigned 28 cognate credits to this program.

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

Activities held outside of Canada developed by a university, academy, specialty society or other physician organization can be recorded as accredited group learning activities under Section 1 of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada's Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Program

American Academy of Family Physicians

This Live activity, 33rd Annual Conference Obstetrics, Gynecology, Perinatal Medicine, Neonatology, and the Law, with a beginning date of 01/02/2017, has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 18.50 Prescribed credit(s) by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This Live activity, 17th Annual Multispecialty Medical Negligence and Risk Management, with a beginning date of 01/05/2017, has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 14.00 Prescribed credit(s) by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity

The College of Family Physicians of Canada

Members of **The College of Family Physicians of Canada** are eligible to receive up to **28.5 Mainpro-M1 credits** for attendance at these conferences due to reciprocal agreement with the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Risk Management

This program meets the criteria established by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine for risk management.

Nurse-Midwives

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17th Annual Multispecialty Conference

Medical Negligence & Risk Management

THURSDAY, January 5, 2017

4:30-6:00pm *Registration*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017 (Joint Conference Day)

7:15am *Continental Breakfast*

8:00am **Welcome and Introduction**
Aubrey Milunsky, MD, DSc, FRCP, FACMG, DCH

8:15am **Fetal-Maternal Hemorrhage: A Serious Hazard**
Mary E. D'Alton, MD

8:55am **Prediction and Liability in the Management of Preeclampsia and Eclampsia**
Aaron B. Caughey, MD, PhD

9:35am **The Use of Mesh in Gynecological Surgery: Pitfalls and Problems**
Mark D. Walters, MD

10:15am *Refreshment Break*

10:30am **Therapeutic Hypothermia for Newborns with Hypoxic-Ischemic Encephalopathy: Benefits, Risks, and Rules**
Terrie E. Inder, MBChB, MD

11:10am **Cranio-cerebral Compression, Ischemic Encephalopathy, and the Affordable Care Act**
Joseph A. Farchione, JD

11:50am **Medicolegal Forum**

Discussants: John A. Lancione, JD, Joseph A. Farchione, JD

Commentators: Mary E. D'Alton, MD, Sean C. Blackwell, MD, Mark D. Walters, MD, Aaron B. Caughey, MD, PhD, Terrie E. Inder, MBChB, MD

- The “Expert” with an Outlandish Hypothesis and Dubious Evidence
- Decision-to-Incision Time: Evidence & Outcome
- An Error of Judgment or Negligence?

- Vicarious Liability: Hospital vs. Physician vs. Midwife vs. Genetic Counselor
- Physician Competence, Incompetence, or Negligence
- False Testimony: Can the “Expert” Be Sued?

1:00pm *Adjourn*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017

7:15am *Continental Breakfast*

8:00am **Diagnostic Errors in Primary Care Practice: Improving Diagnosis in Healthcare and Beyond**
Gordon D. Schiff, MD

8:40am **Gotcha! What Should Have Been In the Emergency Department Record?**
Michael Jay Bresler, MD, FACEP

9:20am **“It’s An X-Ray: The Fuzzy of Benign and Malignant Breast Lesions”**
Dianne Georgian-Smith, MD

10:00am *Refreshment Break*

10:15am **Injuries and Increasing Liability in Pain Medicine**
Karen B. Domino, MD, MPH

10:55am **The Psychiatric Patient in the Emergency Department**
Michael Jay Bresler, MD, FACEP

11:35am **Seeing and Perceiving: Factors Affecting Radiographic Interpretation**
Dianne Georgian-Smith, MD

12:15pm **Colloquium: Medicine, Law, and Ethics**
Gordon D. Schiff, MD
Michael Jay Bresler, MD, FACEP
Dianne Georgian-Smith, MD
Karen B. Domino, MD, MPH

1:00pm *Adjourn*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017

- 7:15am *Continental Breakfast*
- 8:00am **Communication Failures That Result in Patient Injury and Litigation**
Karen B. Domino, MD, MPH
- 8:40am **Crossing Professional Patient Boundaries in Healthcare: Risks and Benefits**
Gordon D. Schiff, MD
- 9:20am **“Even Though it is Black and White, it is NOT BLACK AND WHITE: Mammography”**
Dianne Georgian-Smith, MD
- 10:00am *Refreshment Break*
- 10:15am **Risk Management in the Treatment of Cardiac Emergencies**
Michael Jay Bresler, MD, FACEP
- 10:55am **Complications, Mishaps, and Liability in Anesthesia: Lessons from the Anesthesia Closed Claims Project**
Karen B. Domino, MD, MPH
- 11:40am **The Electronic Medical Records: Vulnerabilities, Liabilities, Opportunities**
Gordon D. Schiff, MD
- 12:20pm **Expert Panel Discussion**
Gordon D. Schiff, MD, Karen B. Domino, MD, MPH, Michael Jay Bresler, MD, FACEP, Dianne Georgian-Smith, MD
- 1:00pm *Adjourn*

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