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**The 34th Annual Conference on  
Obstetrics, Gynecology, Perinatal Medicine,  
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January 2-6, 2018**

**The 18th Annual Multispecialty Conference on  
Medical Negligence and Risk Management  
January 5-8, 2018**

**Grand Wailea  
A Waldorf Astoria Resort  
Maui, Hawaii**

***The 34th ANNUAL CONFERENCE***  
**OBSTETRICS, GYNECOLOGY, PERINATAL  
MEDICINE, NEONATOLOGY, AND THE LAW**  
**JANUARY 2-6, 2018**

*and*

***The 18th ANNUAL MULTISPECIALTY CONFERENCE***  
**MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT IN  
MEDICINE, SURGERY, EMERGENCY MEDICINE,  
RADIOLOGY, AND FAMILY MEDICINE**  
**JANUARY 5-8, 2018**

Two conferences sharing one day in common. Select one or come to both (the second at a reduced rate). The reviews of the 33rd and 17th Annual Conferences were again outstanding, continuing the tradition of this highly successful joint series.

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## Conference Overview

We will all become patients one day, barring sudden death. Our hope is that the physician vested with our care is caring, thoughtful, sensitive, attentive, and knowledgeable, even if not a paragon of virtue. Data from the National Practitioner Databank on the frequency of medical malpractice and adverse actions gives pause to our hopes. The available 2012 data revealed that there were 9,194 malpractice payments and 6,306 steeply rising adverse action reports (that included licensure and privilege actions, DEA actions, Medicare/Medicaid exclusions, etc.)

A Johns Hopkins School of Medicine study reported in 2013 that in an analysis of 350,706 **paid claims** over a 25 year period (1986-2010), diagnostic errors led the pack, accounting for 28.6% of the total and for the highest proportion of all payments. Diagnostic errors more often resulted in death compared with other allegations, and were the leading cause of claims associated with death and disability. The staggering toll of deaths and harm from medical malpractice continues unabated.

One can only wonder whether the selection process into medical school is flawed or are the root causes human weakness and fallibility compounded by system failure. Regardless of cause, huge efforts are needed to stop the carnage.

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 33 and 17 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 34th and 18th 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 better informed about the complexities in the practice of medicine and more able to determine the best-evidence of 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:**

- *Operative vaginal delivery*
- *Labor induction and suspected macrosomia*
- *Twin pregnancies - Double trouble - Medical and legal*
- *Pregnancy and Hepatitis B*
- *Fetal/neonatal ischemic stroke*
- *Placental pathology and adverse pregnancy outcome*
- *Warning: C-section in the second stage of labor*
- *Antenatal steroids and late preterm birth*
- *EFM and Category II tracings*
- *Shoulder dystocia and brachial plexus injury: Legal perspectives*
- *Hypothermia for hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy*
- *Defending creative claims*
- *Standards of prenatal genetic care*
- *Placenta, vascular malperfusion, and hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy*
- *Neonatal brain hemorrhage: Not due to trauma?*
- *Chorioamnionitis: Medical and legal implications*
- *Preterm birth: Infection? Cytokines?*
- *Genetic testing with putative hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy*
- *Cord Gases and Hypoxia: Help or Hindrance*
- *Ethics, responsibility, and home birth*

- *Is there a 30 minute rule?*
- *Experts who lie? Liability?*
- *Do Daubert motions work?*
- *Mediation: Why not early? Why so difficult?*
- *Does the "Green Book" 2 help or hurt?*
- *Social media impact on liability and damages*
- *Prolonged Stage II: How long is too long*
- *Informed consent: Separate claim or standard of care?*

**Major Topics for the overlapping second conference include:**

- *Acute coronary syndromes*
- *Angiography intervention: Challenge and liability*
- *Minimally invasive surgery in urology*
- *Medical, ethical, and legal challenges in clinical genetics*
- *Ethics in Mother-to-Daughter ovum donation*
- *Intracoronary imaging: 2018*
- *Transient ischemic attacks*
- *Prostate cancers – Standards of Care*
- *Care in pregnancy with mental illness*
- *Functional assessment of coronary arteries*
- *Vascular emergencies*
- *Robotic surgeries in urology: Medical and legal challenges*

## 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

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* (7<sup>th</sup> edition). The 6<sup>th</sup> edition of this major worldwide reference text for prenatal diagnosis received the “**Highly Commended**” Award from the British Medical Association. 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*. He has a new book, this time on medical negligence, in press entitled *I Didn't Know, I Didn't Know: Avoidable Deaths and Harm Due to Medical Negligence*.

### **Jeff M. Milunsky, MD, FACMG**

Conference Co-Chair

Co-Director, Center for Human Genetics, Cambridge, MA

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

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* (7<sup>th</sup> edition). The 6<sup>th</sup> edition received the British Medical Association “**Highly Commended**” Medical Book Award. Professor Milunsky is the author or co-author of over 295 scientific communications. He is an elected member of the Society for Pediatric Research. He has been listed repeatedly in **Top Doctors in Boston (Genetics)**.

### **Rebecca Baergen, MD**

Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Chief of Obstetrics and Perinatal Pathology

New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Weill-Cornell Medical Center

Weill Medical College of Cornell University

New York, New York

Professor Baergen is known internationally for her work in placental pathology. She is the author or co-author of at least 186 scientific communications. Professor Baergen is also the author or co-author of five books, the most recent of which are *Pathology of the Human Placenta* (6<sup>th</sup> edition) and *Manual of Pathology of the Human Placenta* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition). She serves on the Board of Directors on the Society for Pediatric Pathology and on the editorial boards of *Gynecological Cancers: Clinics in Oncology* and *Pediatric and Developmental Pathology*. She was the recipient of the Joseph M. Didio Memorial Teaching Award.

**Paul A. Casi II, JD, PSC**

Louisville, KY

Mr. Casi is a plaintiff attorney admitted to practice in Kentucky and Indiana and in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Courts of Appeal as well as the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Casi is a recent past President of the Kentucky Justice Association. He has also been Chair of the Professional Negligence section for the American Association for Justice. He has been listed in Best Lawyers in America since 2010. In 2014, he was elected as the Lawyer of the Year for Medical Malpractice Law. Mr. Casi received the Dan Cullan Award from the American Association for Justice, Birth Trauma Litigation Group in 2015. He has been listed in Louisville's Top Lawyers in the *Louisville Magazine* since 2008.

**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 at least 997 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.

**Deborah B. Diercks, MD, MPH**

Professor and Chair  
Department of Emergency Medicine  
UT Southwestern Medical Center  
Dallas, TX

Professor Diercks is known internationally for her work in Emergency Medicine. She is the author or co-author of at least 284 scientific communications. She is an Associate Editor of *Circulation* as well as *Annals of Emergency Medicine*. She is a member of the editorial boards of *International Journal of Emergency Medicine* and *Clinical Cardiology*. She is also the author or co-author of at least twelve book chapters on Emergency Medicine. Professor Diercks has been given three awards for academic

excellence as an educator as well as an award for the Advancement of Women in Academic Emergency Medicine.

**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. He has been listed as a **Super Lawyer** in Colorado and Ohio.

**Christopher J. Kane, MD**

Professor and Chair of Urology  
Joseph D. Schmidt, MD Presidential Chair in Urology  
UC San Diego Health  
University of California San Diego  
San Diego, CA

Professor Kane is known internationally for his work in urology and is also the Director of Robotic Surgery. He is the author or co-author of at least 305 scientific communications, including thirteen book chapters. Professor Kane serves on multiple editorial boards, including *The American Journal of Hematology/Oncology*, *World Journal of Urology*, and the *British Journal of Urology International*. He is the recipient of multiple teaching awards. The San Diego Business Journal recognized him as **Physician Healthcare Champion of the Year** for San Diego and he has been the recipient of the distinguished **Engineering Alumni Medal** from the UC Davis College of Engineering. He also has awards for marksmanship with both rifle and pistol.

**Adam Kirton, MD, MSc, FRCPC**

Professor, Pediatrics and Clinical Neurosciences  
University of Calgary  
Pediatric Neurologist  
Alberta Children's Hospital  
Calgary, AB, Canada

Professor Kirton is known internationally for his work in pediatric neurology with special reference to pediatric stroke. He is the author or co-author of at least 300 scientific communications. He is the Editor of **Pediatric Brain Stimulation: Mapping and Modulating the Developing Nervous System**. Professor Kirton has been the recipient of many awards and prizes, including repeated **Teacher of the Year** at the Alberta Children's Hospital and **Presidents Excellence Award in Research** for the Alberta Health Service. The Calgary Herald listed him in the **Top-20 Compelling Calgarians**. He received a **Clinical Performance Commendation** from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of



Alberta and earlier the **President's Prize** from the Canadian Association of Child Neurology. He has also garnered awards for his research from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

**Laurence B. McCullough, PhD**

Distinguished Emeritus Professor  
Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy  
Baylor College of Medicine  
Adjunct Professor of Ethics in Obstetrics and Gynecology and of Medical Ethics in Medicine  
Weill Medical College of Cornell University  
New York, NY

Professor McCullough is known internationally for his work in medical ethics. Over his illustrious career, he has authored or co-authored ten books and edited or co-edited seven other books. The two most recent are *Historical Dictionary of Medical Ethics* and *Professional Ethics in Obstetrics and Gynecology*. He is also the author or co-author of at least 818 scientific communications. Professor McCullough serves on the editorial boards of multiple prestigious journals including *The American Journal of Bioethics* and *The American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*. He has been the repeated recipient of excellence in teaching awards at Baylor, where he is also a member of the **Academy of Distinguished Educators**. He is also a member of the Committee on Ethical Aspects of Human Reproduction and Women's Health for the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics.

**Michael P. Nageotte, MD**

Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
University of California, Irvine  
Associate Chief Medical Officer  
Long Beach Memorial Medical Center / Miller Children's Hospital  
Long Beach, CA

Professor Nageotte is known internationally for his work in maternal-fetal medicine. He is the co-author of four books, the last two of which are *Disease, Complications, and Drug Therapy in Obstetrics: A Guide for Clinicians* and *Fetal Heart Rate Monitoring* (4th edition). Professor Nageotte is the author or co-author of at least 224 scientific communications. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Long Beach Memorial Medical Center and a past-President of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine. Professor Nageotte has been the recipient of awards for excellence in health care and research. He was also the recipient of the **Golden Apple Award for Faculty Teacher of the Year**.

**Errol R. Norwitz, MD, PhD, MBA**

Louis E. Phaneuf Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Tufts University School of Medicine  
Chairman and Chief Scientific Officer, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Tufts Medical Center  
Boston, MA

Professor Norwitz is known internationally for his work in maternal fetal medicine with special reference to high risk pregnancy. He is the author or co-author of at least 310 scientific

communications. Professor Norwitz is the co-editor of six books, the most recent two being *Evidenced-based Obstetrics and Gynaecology* and *Molecular Approaches to Reproductive and Newborn Medicine*. He serves on the editorial boards of multiple prestigious journals including the *British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*, *Obstetrics and Gynecology International* and *Reproductive Sciences*. He serves on the advisory board of the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* and is an examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology in maternal fetal medicine. Professor Norwitz has been the recipient of many honors for research, teaching, and oral presentations. He was a **Rhodes Scholar** at Oxford University. He has been listed repeatedly in **Top Doctors** in Boston.

**Mladen I. Vidovich, MD, FACC, FSCAI**

Associate Professor of Medicine  
Division of Cardiology  
Department of Medicine  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
Chicago, IL

Professor Vidovich is known internationally for his work in interventional cardiology. He is the co-editor of two books, the most recent being *Transradial Angiography and Intervention – From Simple to Spectacular* (2016) and *Radial Coronary Angiography and Intervention* (2011). He is the author or co-author of at least 96 scientific communications. Professor Vidovich is on the editorial boards of *The American Heart Journal* and *The Journal of Cardiovascular Psychiatry and Neurology*. He has been the repeated recipient for Excellence in Teaching Awards. He also acts as an advisor to the American College of Cardiology for Educational Needs Assessment in Invasive Cardiovascular Angiography and Intervention. As a linguist, he speaks five languages.

# Accommodations

## GRAND WAILEA, A Waldorf Astoria Resort \* Maui, Hawaii

The Center for Human Genetics, Inc. has secured a room block at the Grand Wailea, which will be available until November 28, 2017, **or until it is sold out.**

Terrace View: \$284  
Deluxe Garden View: \$324  
Ocean View: \$364  
Deluxe Ocean View: \$404

The above rates are based on single or double occupancy and are subject to applicable taxes, which is currently a total of 13.416% per room per night. In addition to the rates set forth above, there will be a daily resort charge of \$10.00 per room per night, plus tax. Rates are effective for arrivals on Monday, January 1 to departures on Thursday, January 11, 2018. A charge of \$50 per person per night, plus tax for more than 2 persons in any room, with a maximum of 4 persons per room. No charge for children 17 years of age and younger staying in the same room with parents utilizing existing bedding.

**Arrivals prior to January 1, 2018, are on a 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/chg2018](http://www.travelplannerstexas.com/chg2018).

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### ***What Participants Are Saying:***

- *This was an exceptional conference, as usual. This is my 10th conference and they are all fantastic.*
- *"Best conference I have ever attended!" (comments from many participants)*
- *Great, well-respected and very knowledgeable speakers, pertinent topics for both physicians and medical malpractice lawyers, and well organized and presented content.*
- *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! The combination of lawyers and physicians provided a very nice dynamic. It's always enlightening to hear problems analyzed from different perspectives.*
- *"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."*
- *81% of registrants rated the conference as excellent, 19% as good for the 33rd year.*
- *"I have been in law practice for 38 years. This is the best conference I have ever attended."*

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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018**

4:00-6:30pm            *Registration*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018**

7:15am                *Continental Breakfast*

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

8:15am                **Operative Vaginal Delivery**  
Aaron B. Caughey, MD, PhD

**Legal Commentary and Discussion**  
Paul A. Casi, JD  
Joseph A. Farchione, JD

9:00am                **Should Labor Be Induced for Suspected Macrosomia?**  
Michael P. Nageotte, MD

9:40am                **Lessons Learned from Twin Pregnancies**  
Errol R. Norwitz, MD, PhD, MBA

10:20am              *Refreshment Break*

10:35am              **Adverse Pregnancy Outcome: Benefits and Limitations of Placental Pathology**  
Rebecca Baergen, MD

11:15am              **Diagnostic Genetic Testing for Disorders that Mimic, Complicate, or Compound Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy**  
Jeff M. Milunsky, MD, FACMG

12:00pm              **Neonatal Ischemic Stroke: Probable and Improbable Causes**  
Adam Kirton, MD, MSc, FRCPC

**Legal Commentary and Discussion**  
Paul A. Casi, JD  
Joseph A. Farchione, JD

12:40pm

**Expert Panel Discussion**

Aaron B. Caughey, MD, PhD  
Michael P. Nageotte, MD  
Errol R. Norwitz, MD, PhD, MBA  
Rebecca Baergen, MD  
Jeff Milunsky, MD, FACMG  
Paul A. Casi, JD  
Joseph A. Farchione, JD

1:00pm

*Adjourn*

6:30-7:30pm

*Welcome Reception*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2018**

- 7:15am *Continental Breakfast*
- 8:00am **Beware Cesarean in the Second Stage of Labor**  
Errol R. Norwitz, MD, PhD
- Legal Commentary and Discussion**  
Paul A. Casi, JD  
Joseph A. Farchione, JD
- 8:45am **Antenatal Steroids and Late Preterm Birth**  
Michael P. Nageotte, MD
- 9:25am **Morbidity/Mortality Risks During Pregnancy in Mothers with Genetic Disorders: Liability Issues**  
Jeff M. Milunsky, MD, FACMG
- 10:05am *Refreshment Break*
- 10:20am **Fetal Heart Rate Monitoring – Category II Tracings**  
Aaron B. Caughey, MD, PhD
- Legal Commentary and Discussion**  
Paul A. Casi, JD  
Joseph A. Farchione, JD
- 11:05am **Shoulder Dystocia and Brachial Plexus Injury**  
Paul A. Casi, JD
- 11:45am **Given the Widely Varying Interpretations, the Fetal Heart Rate Tracing, More Often than Not, Is an Unreliable Indicator of Fetal Wellbeing**
- Debate:**  
Errol R. Norwitz, MD, PhD, MBA vs. Aaron B. Caughey, MD, PhD
- 12:30pm **Expert Panel Discussion**  
Aaron B. Caughey, MD, PhD  
Michael P. Nageotte, MD  
Errol R. Norwitz, MD, PhD, MBA  
Rebecca Baergen, MD  
Jeff M. Milunsky, MD, FACMG  
Adam Kirton, MD, MSc, FRCPC
- 1:00pm *Adjourn*

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2018**

- 7:15am *Continental Breakfast*
- 8:00am **Cool But Not a Cure: Hypothermia for Neonatal Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy**  
Adam Kirton, MD, MSc, FRCPC
- Medicolegal Commentary and Discussion**  
Paul A. Casi, JD  
Joseph A. Farchione, JD
- 8:45am **Defending Creative Claims**  
Joseph A. Farchione, JD
- 9:25am **Standards of Prenatal Genetic Care in Obstetrics Practice**  
Aubrey Milunsky, MD, DSc, FRCP, FACMG, DCH
- 10:05am *Refreshment Break*
- 10:20am **Maternal and Fetal Vascular Malperfusion: A Causal Connection to Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy**  
Rebecca Baergen, MD
- 11:00am **Brain Hemorrhage in the Newborn: Trauma Is Not the Answer!**  
Adam Kirton, MD, MSc, FRCPC
- 11:40am **Clinico-Legal Case “Testimony” and “Counter-Testimony” by Experts**  
*Aaron B. Caughey, MD, PhD, Rebecca Baergen, MD, Michael P. Nageotte, MD*  
*vs.*  
*Errol R. Norwitz, MD, PhD, MBA, Adam Kirton, MD, MSc, FRCPC, Jeff M. Milunsky, MD, FACMG*
- Cross Examination:**  
Paul A. Casi, JD  
Joseph A. Farchione, JD
- 1:00pm *Adjourn*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018 (*Joint Conference Day*)**

- 7:15am ***Continental Breakfast***
- 8:00am **Welcome and Introduction**  
Aubrey Milunsky, MD, DSc, FRCP, FACMG, DCH
- 8:15am **Potential Medical and Legal Implications of Inflammatory Lesions of the Placenta**  
Rebecca Baergen, MD
- 8:55am **Preterm Birth: It's Inflammation, Stupid!**  
Errol R. Norwitz, MD, PhD, MBA
- 9:35am **Hepatitis B: Current Pregnancy and Labor Management**  
Michael P. Nageotte, MD
- 10:15am ***Refreshment Break***
- 10:30am **Universal Cord Gases – An Opportunity for Quality Improvement**  
Aaron B. Caughey, MD, PhD
- 11:10am **Ethics, Professional Responsibility, Liability, and Planned Home Birth**  
Laurence B. McCullough, PhD
- 11:50am **Medicolegal Forum**  
**Discussants:** Paul A. Casi, JD, Joseph A. Farchione, JD  
**Commentators:** Aaron B. Caughey, MD, PhD, Michael P. Nageotte, MD, Errol R. Norwitz, MD, PhD, MBA, Rebecca Baergen, MD, Adam Kirton, MD, MSc, FRCPC, Laurence B. McCullough, PhD
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- 1:00pm ***Adjourn***



# Accreditation

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**AND**

**The 18th Annual Multispecialty Conference on Medical Negligence and Risk Management in Medicine, Surgery, Emergency Medicine, Radiology, and Family Medicine – January 5 – 8, 2018**

## **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 34th 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 18th 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](mailto:adiaz@coverys.com)

### **American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists**

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has assigned 29 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, 34th Annual Conference Obstetrics, Gynecology, Perinatal Medicine, Neonatology, and the Law, with a beginning date of 01/02/2018, 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, 18th Annual Multispecialty Medical Negligence and Risk Management, with a beginning date of 01/05/2018, 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

### **Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology**

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## **Risk Management**

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# 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Multispecialty Conference

## Medical Negligence & Risk Management

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### FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2018

4:30-6:00pm            *Registration*

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018 (*Joint Conference Day*)

7:15am                *Continental Breakfast*

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

8:15am                **Potential Medical and Legal Implications of Inflammatory Lesions of the Placenta**  
Rebecca Baergen, MD

8:55am                **Preterm Birth: It's Inflammation, Stupid!**  
Errol R. Norwitz, MD, PhD, MBA

9:35am                **Hepatitis B: Current Pregnancy and Labor Management**  
Michael P. Nageotte, MD

10:15am              *Refreshment Break*

10:30am              **Universal Cord Gases – An Opportunity for Quality Improvement**  
Aaron B. Caughey, MD, PhD

11:10am              **Ethics, Professional Responsibility, Liability, and Planned Home Birth**  
Laurence B. McCullough, PhD

11:50am              **Medicolegal Forum**

**Discussants:** Paul A. Casi, JD, Joseph A. Farchione, JD

**Commentators:** Aaron B. Caughey, MD, PhD, Michael P. Nageotte, MD, Errol R. Norwitz, MD, PhD, MBA, Rebecca Baergen, MD, Adam Kirton, MD, MSc, FRCPC, Laurence B. McCullough, PhD

- Is there a 30 minute rule?
- Experts who lie? Liability.
- Do Daubert motions work?
- Mediation: Why not early? Why so difficult?
- Does the "Green Book" 2 help or hurt?
- Social media impact on liability and damages.
- Prolonged Stage II: How long is too long?

- Informed consent: Separate claim or standard of care?

1:00pm

*Adjourn*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018**

- 7:15am *Continental Breakfast*
- 8:00am **Acute Coronary Syndromes**  
Deborah B. Diercks, MD, MPH
- 8:40am **Radial Angiography and Intervention: The Post-Femoral World**  
Mladen I. Vidovich, MD, FACC, FSCAI
- 9:20am **The Ins and Outs of Minimally Invasive Procedures for Urologic Surgery**  
Christopher J. Kane, MD
- 10:00am *Refreshment Break*
- 10:15am **Medical, Ethical, and Legal Challenges in Clinical Genetics**  
Aubrey Milunsky, MD, DSc, FRCP, FACMG, DCH
- 10:55am **Ethics and Fertility Preservation for Mother to Daughter Ovum Donation**  
Laurence B. McCullough, PhD
- 11:35am **Intracoronary Imaging: 2018**  
Mladen I. Vidovich, MD, FACC, FSCAI
- 12:15pm **Colloquium: Medicine, Law, and Ethics**  
Deborah B. Diercks, MD, MPH  
Mladen I. Vidovich, MD, FACC, FSCAI  
Christopher J. Kane, MD  
Aubrey Milunsky, MD, DSc, FRCP, FACMG, DCH  
Laurence B. McCullough, PhD
- 1:00pm *Adjourn*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018**

- 7:15am *Continental Breakfast*
- 8:00am **Functional Assessment of the Coronary Arteries – The New Normal**  
Mladen I. Vidovich, MD, FACC, FSCAI
- 8:40am **Transient Ischemic Attacks**  
Deborah B. Diercks, MD, MPH
- 9:20am **Prostate Cancer: Evolving Expected Standards of Care**  
Christopher J. Kane, MD
- 10:00am *Refreshment Break*
- 10:15am **Care of Pregnant Patients with Major Mental Disorders**  
Laurence B. McCullough, PhD
- 10:55am **Vascular Emergencies**  
Deborah B. Diercks, MD, MPH
- 11:40am **Robotic Surgery in Urology: Medical Complications and Legal Implications**  
Christopher J. Kane, MD
- 12:20pm **Expert Panel Discussion**  
Deborah B. Diercks, MD, MPH  
Mladen I. Vidovich, MD, FACC, FSCAI  
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Laurence B. McCullough, PhD
- 1:00pm *Adjourn*

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