The 30th Annual Conference on
Obstetrics, Gynecology, Perinatal Medicine, Neonatology, and the Law
January 5-8, 2014

The 14th Annual Multispecialty Conference on
Medical Negligence and Risk Management in Medicine, Surgery, Emergency Medicine, Radiology, and Family Medicine
January 2-6, 2014

Two conferences sharing one day in common. Select one or come to both (the second at a reduced rate). The reviews of the 29th and 13th Annual Conferences were again outstanding, continuing the tradition of this highly successful joint series.

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Thirty years ago amidst a crisis in the cost of malpractice coverage, I recognized a need to establish a dialogue between physicians, attorneys on both sides of the bar, other healthcare providers and insurers. My stated goal was to foster an understanding among all parties about the vital role each play in the arena of health. I was especially dedicated to the view that an undertaking of the complexities of medicine was critically important for all trial lawyers and that comprehension by physicians of the legal process was equally cogent. Standards of expected care and the doctrine of loss of chance were not central to the thought process of practitioners. Evidence that these matters were important in the teaching of medical students and the training of residents was scant or absent. Indeed, Boards of Registration in Medicine and professional societies in almost all specialties made little or no effort in disciplining their members, including an uncomfortable number of instances of false expert testimony. While professional societies have no longer abdicated their responsibilities, the same cannot be said for the necessary education of students and residents in risk management.

I am gratified by the replacement of angst and anger, so rife in the initial conferences, by candor and comprehension over the ensuing years. There is now a well-established dialogue at these conferences between all parties. What stubbornly remains is an unacceptable frequency of medical negligence that results in avoidable sadness and sorrow. Examples abound: surgery on the wrong site or side; removal of a kidney instead of a gallbladder; a one thousand times overdose; misdiagnosis of cancer, myocardial infarction, and other disorders; mastectomy for cancer on the wrong patient; catastrophic quadriplegia or paraplegia following spinal surgery; avoidable death, and on and on. Faulty thinking and/or decision making frequently underlies real errors in all specialties. These conferences focus on the pathogenesis of medical errors, their prevention, and the necessary attention to standards of expected care, against the backdrop of ever-present litigation. Until there is an end to malpractice, trial lawyers will be well-employed and the dialogue will continue.

Against this background, the legal and medical professions must endeavor to achieve standards of excellence in order that justice be better served.

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 29 and 13 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,” who through a thorough understanding of the complexities of medicine and law can physicians and litigators hope to effectively deal with the continuing challenges of medical and legal practice.

The specific goals of these conferences are:

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 30th and 14th 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.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2014

4:00-6:30pm  Registration

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2014

7:15am  Continental Breakfast
8:00am  Welcome and Introduction
Aubrey Milunsky, M.D., D.Sc.
8:10am  Incision to Decision Time—What Does the Data Show?
Mary E. D’Alton, M.D.
Legal Commentary and Discussion
Bruce G. Fagel, M.D., J.D.
N. Denise Taylor, Esq.
8:55am  The Hidden Morbidity of Elective Early Term Delivery
Gary A. Dildy III, M.D.
9:35am  Noninvasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT): The Future is Now
Errol R. Norwitz, M.D., Ph.D.
10:15am  Contribution of the Fetal Inflammatory Response to Outcomes
Bruce G. Fagel, M.D., J.D.
10:25am  Outcome of the Infant with Neonatal Encephalopathy
Michele C. Walsh, M.D., M.S.
12:00pm  The Skin and the Face: Mirrors of the “Damaged” Brain
Aubrey Milunsky, M.D., D.Sc
1:00pm  Adjourn
6:30-7:30pm  Welcome Reception

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2014

7:15am  Continental Breakfast
8:00am  Impact of Low Grade IVH on the Outcomes of Extremely Low Gestation Infants
Michele C. Walsh, M.D., M.S.
8:40am  Contemporary Management of IUGR: How Small is too Small?
Errol R. Norwitz, M.D., Ph.D.
9:20am  Maternal Early Warning Signs
Mary E. D’Alton, M.D.
10:00am  Refreshment Break
10:15am  Shoulder Dystocia and Brachial Plexopathy... Are These Cases Avoidable?
Gary A. Dildy III, M.D.
10:55am  Timing of Fetal Neurological Injury: Fetal Heart Monitoring and Cord Gas Analysis
Michael G. Ross, M.D., M.P.H.
Legal Commentary and Discussion
Bruce G. Fagel, M.D., J.D.
N. Denise Taylor, Esq.
11:45am  Imaging of Perinatal Hypoxic Ischemic Brain Injury
Robert A. Zimmerman, M.D.
12:25pm  The Problem with the “Hired Gun” Expert: Strategies for Effective Cross-Examination at Trial
N. Denise Taylor, Esq.
1:00pm  Adjourn
SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2014

7:15am  Continental Breakfast

8:00am  New Approaches to Managing Severe Postpartum Hemorrhage  
        Gary A. Dildy III, M.D.

8:40am  The Case for Credentialing for Electronic Fetal Heart Rate Monitoring  
        Mary E. D’Alton, M.D.  
        Legal Commentary and Discussion  
        Bruce G. Fagel, M.D., J.D.  
        N. Denise Taylor, Esq.

9:30am  Fetal Brain MRI: Indications and Observations  
        Robert A. Zimmerman, M.D.

10:10am  Refreshment Break

10:25am  Minding your p’s and q’s:  
          Considering the Putative Causality of Claimed Hypoxic Brain Damage  
          Aubrey Milunsky, M.D., D.Sc

10:55am  Medical Malpractice: Lessons from the Courtroom  
         Bruce G. Fagel, M.D., J.D.

11:35am  Clinico-Legal Case “Testimony” and “Counter-Testimony” by Experts  
         Mary E. D’Alton, M.D. & Michael G. Ross, M.D., M.P.H.  
         vs.  
         Errol R. Norwitz, M.D., Ph.D & Gary A. Dildy III, M.D.

Cross Examination:  
         Bruce G. Fagel, M.D., J.D.  
         N. Denise Taylor, Esq.

1:00pm  Adjourn

Register for the 15th Annual Conference – Hawaii.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014 (Joint Conference Day)

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        Errol R. Norwitz, M.D., Ph.D.

8:50am  Cervical Length and Preterm Delivery: Who Needs Treatment?  
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11:05am  Medicolegal Forum  
         Bruce G. Fagel, M.D., J.D.  
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         ❖ Hospital Policies and Procedures as Evidence of the Standard of Care  
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         ❖ Statutory Reporting Requirements for “Never Events”  
         ❖ Importance of Documenting the Record in a Neonatal Resuscitation  
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014
7:15am  Continental Breakfast
8:00am  Dysrhythmias in the Emergency Department: Myths and Pitfalls
        Amal Mattu, M.D.
8:45am  Angioplasty: What is “unnecessary”?
        Jeffrey W. Moses, M.D.
9:30am  Why Off Label Use of Medical Devices is Essential
        David G. Lewallen, M.D., M.S.
10:15am  Refreshment Break
10:30am  Risk-Benefit Analysis for Complex Spinal Surgery
        Mark E. Shaffrey, M.D.
11:15am  Emergency Department Care of Avoidable Disasters
        Amal Mattu, M.D.
12:00pm  Metal on Metal Hip Arthroplasty: What Went Wrong?
         David G. Lewallen, M.D., M.S.
12:45pm  Panel Discussion
        Mark E. Shaffrey, M.D.
        Amal Mattu, M.D.
        David G. Lewallen, M.D., M.S.
1:00pm  Adjourn
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2014

7:15am  Continental Breakfast
8:00am  Risks, Safety and Effectiveness of Arthroplasty Care: Are Improvements Possible?  David G. Lewallen, M.D., M.S.
8:40am  How to Know and When to Stop During Spinal Cord Surgery  Mark E. Shaffrey, M.D.
9:20am  Valve Diseases: An Underappreciated Killer  Jeffrey W. Moses, M.D.
10:00am  Refreshment Break
10:15am  Common Mistakes in the Diagnosis of Coronary Artery Disease  Jeffrey W. Moses, M.D.
10:55am  Cooling the Fire! Modern Management of Cardiac Arrest  Amal Mattu, M.D.
11:35am  Complications following Anterior-Posterior Cervical Spine Surgery for Scoliosis/Deformity  Mark E. Shaffrey, M.D.
12:15pm  Hazards in the Family History: Downstream Medical and Legal Implications  Aubrey Milunsky, M.D., D.Sc.
1:00pm  Adjourn

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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 – 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 seminar! The combination of lawyers and physicians provided a very nice dynamic and 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.

Best conference I have ever attended! [Echoed many times]