

Medicolegal Meeting Calendar

Medicolegal Meeting Registry

The Society is offering a new service: the *Medicolegal Meeting Registry*. The *Meeting Registry* is a clearing-house for educational conferences concerned with medicolegal issues and health law. The *Meeting Registry* is a reference source for organizations to check dates and topics of scheduled meetings. Individuals interested in learning about specific medicolegal topics may consult the *Registry* to see what offerings are available.

The *Meeting Registry* augments the ASLM Speakers' Bureau. The Speakers' Bureau aids medicolegal meeting planners by providing names of professionals willing to speak on the areas of their expertise.

For more information on either the *Medicolegal Meeting Registry* or the ASLM Speakers' Bureau, please call (617) 262-4990 or write: Meetings Coordinator, American Society of Law & Medicine, 520 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

AMA Congress on Occupational Health, in Salt Lake City, Utah (September 11-12, 1980). Contact: Department of Environmental, Public and Occupational Health, American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60610.

International Congress on Drugs and Alcohol, in Jerusalem, Israel (September 13-18, 1980). Contact: Drugs and Alcohol Congress, P.O. Box 394, Tel-Aviv, Israel.

Physician Compensation and Contracting, in San Francisco, CA (July 17-19, 1980); and in New Orleans, LA (October 2-4, 1980). Contact: Registrar, Aspen Systems Corporation, 20010 Century Blvd., Germantown, MD 20767.

First International Convention on Medico-legal Aspects of Disability, in Tel Aviv, Israel (November 16-20, 1980). Contact: Medical Congress Coordinators, 375 Park Ave., New York, NY 10022.

Medical-Legal Seminar at Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (December 24, 1980-January 3, 1981). Contact: Cyril H. Wecht, M.D., J.D., Pittsburgh Institute of Legal Medicine, 1519 Frick Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

ASLM Conference Calendar

In the fall of 1980, the American Society of Law & Medicine will sponsor a variety of educational programs. Members are urged to attend the conference most related to their own professional activities and to bring conferences to the attention of colleagues, associates, or friends who may be interested in attending. For further information on any ASLM conference or to register, contact:

Conference Coordinator
American Society of Law & Medicine
520 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02215
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National Conference on Patients' Rights, Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN, September 29-30, 1980.

The Conference is open to physicians, nurses, hospital administrators, patient advocates, attorneys, social workers, philosophers, risk managers, and others interested in the growing movement to recognize and implement the rights of health care consumers.

Among the topics being discussed are:

- Philosophical Foundation for Patients' Rights
- Patient Bills of Rights and Patient Advocates
- Refusing Treatment Against Medical Advice (Including Lifesaving Treatment)
- Indigent Patients' Rights to "Free" Health Care
- Teaching and Human Experimentation on Hospitalized Patients
- The Institutional Review Board as a Model for Patient Protection
- Racial Discrimination in Hospitals
- Informed Consent
- Sexual Stereotyping in Health Care

The faculty assembled for this important conference includes:

George J. Annas, J.D., M.P.H.
Associate Professor of Law & Medicine
Boston University Schools of Public Health and Medicine
Author, *THE RIGHTS OF HOSPITAL PATIENTS*

H. Michael Bennett, J.D.
Schulman, Pride & LeRoy
Nashville, Tennessee

G. Gordon Bonneyman, J.D.
Legal Services of Middle Tennessee, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee

Robert N. Brown, J.D.
Associate Professor of Law
University of Detroit

Kathleen Countryman
Coordinator of Patient Relations
University of Minnesota Hospitals

Lydia Espinoza
Patient Advocate
University of California, Irvine
Medical Center

Leonard H. Glantz, J.D.
Assistant Professor of Law & Medicine
Boston University Schools of Public Health and Medicine

Doris B. Haire
President
American Foundation of Maternal and Child Health

Jay Hedgepath, J.D.
General Counsel

American Hospital Association
Jane A. Boyajian Raible, D.M.
Humanities Scholar

Washington State Legislature
Robert M. Veatch, Ph.D.
Professor of Medical Ethics
Georgetown University

Angela R. Holder, J.D., LL.M.
Counsel for Medicolegal Affairs
Yale-New Haven Medical Center

John A. Robertson, J.D.
Visiting Professor of Law
University of Texas, Austin

Kenneth R. Wing, J.D.
Associate Professor
School of Public Health
University of North Carolina

Count Gibson, M.D.
Chairman, Department of Community Medicine
Stanford Medical School
Palo Alto, California

Fee: The registration fee is \$125 for members of the ASLM and \$145 for non-members; it includes a volume of conference materials and luncheon on both days.

Hotel Accommodations: A specially priced block of guest rooms has been reserved at the Opryland Hotel, 2800 Opryland Drive, Nashville, TN 37214, (615) 889-1000.

Medical Determinations in Workers' Compensation, International Inn, Washington, D.C., October 9-11, 1980.

The Conference is intended for attorneys engaged in the area of workers' compensation claims, for insurers who must evaluate such claims, for the adjudicators of workers' compensation proceedings, and for physicians who examine, evaluate and treat patients seeking compensation.

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Medical Determinations in Workers' Compensation (cont'd)

- The Conference will address:
- the application of current medical knowledge to causality assessment and disability evaluation in heart disease, cancer, traumatic neurosis, and lung disease;
 - the usefulness of medically developed standards in workers' compensation rulings; and
 - the presentation of medical evidence.

The faculty includes:

Jack B. Abramson, Esq.
Reisman, Milberg, Abramson & Magro, P.C.
New York, New York

Leon Cander, M.D.
Chairman, Department of Medicine
Albert Einstein Medical Center
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

John T. Coyne, Esq.
Carr, Jordan, Coyne & Savitts
Washington, D.C.

Donald Elisburg,
Assistant Secretary of Labor for
Employment Standards

Alvin M. Gross, Esq.
Molotsky, Rabkin & Gross
Camden, New Jersey

Stephen Leavitt, M.D.
Vice President
Teknekron, Inc.

Charles N. Miller, Esq.
Chairman, Workers' Compensation
Section
Association of Trial Lawyers of
America

Anthony Robbins
Director, National Institute for Occu-
pational Safety and Health

W. Donald Ross, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry and Environ-
mental Health
University of Cincinnati Medical
Center

Elliot L. Sagall, M.D.
President
American Society of Law & Medicine

Sidney Scherlis, M.D.
Former Chairman, Committee on
Stress, Strain and Heart Disease
American Hospital Association

Penelope Scott, M.D.
Director, Pulmonary Division

Sinai Hospital of Baltimore
Irvin Stander, Esq.
Workers' Compensation Referee
Pennsylvania Department of Labor

Fee: The registration fee for the conference is \$160 for members of the ASLM and \$180 for non-members. It includes two luncheons and a booklet of conference materials.

Hotel Accommodations: A specially priced block of guest rooms has been reserved until September 4, 1980. Please make reservations directly with the hotel as soon as possible: Reservations Manager, International Inn, 10 Thomas Circle, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 783-4600.

Legal & Ethical Aspects of Treatment for the Critically & Terminally Ill Patient, Ambassador West Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, October 16-17, 1980.

This is the fourth in a series of conferences addressing the difficult dilemmas that confront competent and incompetent dying patients, their families, physicians, and nurses, as well as the administrators and attorneys who manage and advise the health care facility.

The program format will consist of a presenter and two or more commentators on such topics as:

- Administering Medical/Nursing Care to Critically Ill Patients Who Are Incompetent or Who Refuse Treatment
- Withholding Treatment from the Terminally Ill Patient and Orders Not to Resuscitate
- *Saikewicz, Quinlan, and Fox: Models for Decision-Making for the Incompetent Terminally Ill Patient*
- Terminally Ill Newborns: Special Problems
- Role of the Nurse in the Care of the Dying
- Truth Telling: How Much Should the Patient Be Told?
- Criminal Liability for Withholding Care: The Myth and the Reality

The faculty includes:

L. Edward Bryant, J.D.
Gardner, Carton & Douglas
Chicago, Illinois
Burton A. Dudding, M.D.
Chairman, Department of Pediatrics
University of Nevada
Lee J. Dunn, Jr., J.D., LL.M.
General Counsel
Northwestern Memorial Hospital
Chicago, Illinois
Reid F. Holbrook, Esq.
Steiniger, Holbrook & Fritz
Kansas City, Kansas
William H. Roach, Esq.

Gardner, Carton & Douglas
Chicago, Illinois
John Robertson, J.D.
Visiting Professor of Law
University of Texas, Austin
Norma Shaw-Hogan
Patient Representative
Northwestern Memorial Hospital
Robert M. Veatch, Ph.D.
Professor of Medical Ethics
Georgetown University

Fee: The fee, which includes two luncheons and a volume of course materials, is \$110 for members of the ASLM, and \$130 for non-members.

Hotel Accommodations: A specially-priced block of guest rooms has been reserved at the Ambassador West Hotel until September 24, 1980. Please make reservations directly with the Hotel: Reservations Manager, Ambassador West Hotel, 1300 North State Parkway, Chicago, IL 60610, (312) 787-7900.

Refusing Treatment in Mental Health Institutions: Values in Conflict, Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, November 10-11, 1980.

Co-sponsored with Medicine in the Public Interest and a number of other cooperating sponsors, this timely and important conference will address such issues as: the uses and effects of psychotropic and other psychiatric medications, the determination of competency, the *Rennie v. Klein* and *Rogers v. Okin* court decisions, the impact of the right to refuse treatment on clinical practice within institutions, and the procedural and administrative concerns.

Included on the expert faculty are:
Honorable Stanley S. Brotman
Judge, *Rennie v. Klein*
Richard Cole, J.D.
Greater Boston Legal Services
William J. Curran, J.D., S.M.Hyg.
Harvard University
Daniel X. Freedman, M.D.
Professor and Chairman
Department of Psychiatry
University of Chicago
Thomas Gutheil, M.D.
Massachusetts Mental Health Center
Joel L. Klein, J.D.
American Psychiatric Association
Robert Michels, M.D.
Cornell Medical School
Loren H. Roth, M.D.
Western Psychiatric Institute
University of Pittsburgh

Fee: The registration fee is \$180 for members of ASLM and other sponsoring organizations and \$160 for non-

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members. It includes two luncheons and a volume of conference materials.

Hotel Accommodations: A specially priced block of rooms has been reserved at the Copley Plaza Hotel until October 10, 1980. Reservations should be made as soon as possible with Reservations Manager, Copley Plaza Hotel, Copley Square, Boston, MA 02116, (617) 267-5300.

Health Care Facility Labor Law and Equal Employment Opportunity, Washington Hilton, Washington, D.C., November 13-14, 1980.

The Conference will address both Equal Opportunity Law and Labor Relations Law as they impact health care facilities. Included will be discussions on how to manage employee relations, how to successfully defend EEO charges, how to successfully negotiate a labor contract and deal with a union organization campaign, and how to anticipate labor problems.

The faculty being assembled for this important Conference includes:

Paul M. Heylman, Esq.
Schmeltzer, Aptaker & Sheppard, P.C.
Washington, D.C.
Wayne Horvitz
Director
Federal Mediation Conciliation Service
Daniel Leach
Vice-Chair
Equal Employment Opportunity
Commission
William J. Lubbers, Esq.
General Counsel
National Labor Relations Board
Jesse Rubin, M.D.
President
Psychiatric Institute of Washington
Ira Michael Shepard, Esq.
Conference Chairman
Schmeltzer, Aptaker & Sheppard, P.C.
Washington, D.C.
Don A. Zimmerman, Esq.
Chief Minority Counsel
Senate Human Resources Committee

Fee: The fee, which includes two luncheons and a booklet of course materials, is \$150 for ASLM members and \$170 for non-members.

Hotel Accommodations: A specially priced block of rooms has been reserved until October 22, 1980. Reservations should be made directly with Reservations Manager, Washington Hilton Hotel, Connecticut Avenue at Columbia Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009, (202) 483-3000.

Critical Issues in Health Law, Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, California, December 10-11, 1980.

The Conference will address four timely issues impacting physicians, attorneys, hospital administrators, trustees, and others who share the responsibility for medical and health care in our hospitals. Discussed will be:

- The Terminally Ill Patient: Legal Rights and Responsibilities
- Corporate Hospital Responsibility and Liability for Monitoring Quality Health Care
- Hospital Labor Law: Management Perspective
- Hospital Corporate Reorganization: Nirvana or Legal Nightmare?

The faculty includes:

Lee J. Dunn, Jr., Esq.
Conference Chairman
General Counsel
Northwestern Memorial Hospital,
Chicago

Reid F. Holbrook, Esq.
Steiniger, Holbrook & Fritz
Kansas City, Kansas

William H. Roach, Jr., Esq.
Gardner, Carton & Douglas
Chicago

Ira M. Shepard, Esq.
Schmeltzer, Aptaker & Sheppard, P.C.
Washington, D.C.

Ross E. Stromberg, Esq.
Hanson, Bridgett, Marcus, Milne & Vlahos, San Francisco

Roger W. Witalis
TriBrook Group, Inc.
Walnut Creek, California

Donald R. Wurtz
Arthur Andersen & Co.
San Francisco

Fee: The registration fee for the Conference, which includes luncheon on both days and a volume of course materials, is \$160 for members of the ASLM and \$180 for non-members.

Hotel Accommodations: Call immediately for reservations and mention the conference to get special convention rates. Reservation Manager, Fairmont Hotel, atop Nob Hill, San Francisco, CA 94106, (415) 772-5000.

Call to the Membership

As you have undoubtedly noticed, with each passing month the Society has been expanding its activities. It has increased the frequency of MEDICOLEGAL NEWS' publication; it has established a new monthly newsletter — NURSING LAW & ETHICS, and its conference series is of the highest calibre and covers all aspects of law, medicine, and health care. In addition, the Sagall Library was recently established and is serving members' needs for bibliographic information. The Society has developed a meeting registry and speakers' bureau to aid in the coordination of medicolegal educational activities. Our staff has expanded dramatically and the increasing involvement of students from Boston University School of Law on the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF LAW & MEDICINE has resulted in a greater selection of quality law review style articles on medicolegal problems. More is planned; for example, an association with the Center for Bioethics at Georgetown University and the Society's Legislative Response Committee.

Now, more than ever, the Society needs your support. Our activities require the involvement of committed members who recognize the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to continuing medicolegal education. If you would like to become more involved, please contact the Society's executive director, A. Edward Doudera, Esq., to discuss your interests and how you can contribute to the growth and impact of the Society on important issues involving law, medicine, and health care.

Members can also assist by bringing the benefits of membership to the attention of others who may be interested. Experience has shown that many who are extremely interested in the Society's activities have never heard of us or our publications. Please make an effort to introduce at least one colleague or associate to the Society and its publications. The headquarters would be pleased to send free copies to any names you suggest. The Society and its stature are reflections on its members. We urge all to become involved.

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President