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ANNUAL FALL SCIENTIFIC MEETING and
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING

September 10, 2011

Bell Harbor International Conference Center
Pier 66, 2211 Alaskan Way
Seattle, WA

Saturday, September 10, 2011

- 7:00 – 8:00 AM Registration, Continental Breakfast and Exhibits
- 8:00 – 8:40 AM ***MOCA: What is it, when do I need it, and where can I get it?***
Joshua C. Uffman, MD – Clinical Associate, Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine, University of Washington; Attending Anesthesiologist, Swedish Medical Center

Brian K. Ross, MD, PhD – Professor, Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine, University of Washington; Executive Director, Institute for Simulation and Interprofessional Studies
- 8:40 – 9:20 AM ***Factors Associated with Current Trends in Anesthesia Malpractice Claims***
M. Anthony Luttrell – Regional Assistant Vice President, The Doctors Company

H. Dieter Zimmer, MHA, FAAMA – Regional Vice President, Department of Patient Safety, The Doctors Company
- 9:20 – 10:00 AM ***Risk Management Essentials for the Anesthesiologist***
Patricia I. McCotter, RN, JD, CPHRM, CPC – Senior Healthcare Risk Management Consultant, Physicians Insurance A Mutual Company
- 10:00 – 10:30 AM Coffee Break with Exhibits
WSSA thanks Physicians Insurance for its sponsorship of this coffee break
- 10:30 – 11:10 AM ***The Life of a Medicolegal Claim: Walking the Path from Having a Claim/Lawsuit Filed to Dismissal/Judgement/Settlement***
Brian J. Thomas, JD – Senior Claims Attorney, Director of Risk Management, Preferred Physicians Medical
- 11:10 AM – 12:15 PM ***Professional Liability Clinical Forum: How to Protect Yourself and Your Colleagues***
Karen B. Domino, MD, MPH – Chair, ASA Committee on Professional Liability; Professor and Vice Chair for Research, Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine, University of Washington

Frederick W. Cheney, MD – Professor and Former Chair, Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine, University of Washington

Arthur M. Lam, MD – Attending Anesthesiologist, Swedish Neuroscience Institute, Swedish Medical Center; member, Physician Anesthesia Services

Jan Eric Peterson, Esq. – Plaintiff Attorney, Peterson, Young & Putra Law Firm

Philip J. VanDerhoef, Esq. – Defense Attorney, Fain Anderson VanDerhoef, PLLC

12:15 – 12:30 PM	<i>Panel for Q&A: All Medicolegal and Risk Management Experts</i>
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Luncheon and Annual Membership Meeting
1:30 – 4:30 PM	<i>Residents Only Program</i>

CME OBJECTIVES:

Joshua C. Uffman, MD; Brian K. Ross, MD, PhD

MOCA: What is it, when do I need it, and where can I get it?

As a result of attending this presentation, the participant will be able to:

- 1) Discuss who is required to take MOCA.
- 2) Describe the 4 components of completion of MOCA.
- 3) Identify currently available MOCA material.
- 4) Locate local MOCA sites for WSSA members.

M. Anthony Luttrell; H. Dieter Zimmer, MHA, FAAMA

Factors Associated with Current Trends in Anesthesia Malpractice Claims

As a result of attending this presentation the participant will be able to:

- 1) Discuss the current trends in anesthesia malpractice claims.
- 2) Describe the factors associated with these claims.
- 3) Identify what factors have been associated with successful and unsuccessful defense of these claims.

Patricia I. McCotter, RN, JD, CPHRM, CPC

Risk Management Essentials for the Anesthesiologist

As a result of attending this presentation, the participant will be able to:

- 1) Cite practices and behavior associated with good risk management of adverse events.
- 2) Describe examples of practices and behavior associated with filing and loss of lawsuits.
- 3) Discuss risk associated with practicing outside the norm.

Brian J. Thomas, MD

The Life of a Medicolegal Claim: Walking the Path from Having a Claim/Lawsuit Filed to Dismissal/Judgement/Settlement

As a result of attending this presentation, the participant will be able to:

- 1) Discuss the essential steps that an anesthesiologist must take after a claim/lawsuit is filed.
- 2) Describe the medicolegal process following the filing of a claim/lawsuit and the options available with respect to dismissal, settlement, or judgment.
- 3) Describe the process involved for sending a report to the National Practitioner Databank.

Karen B. Domino, MD, MPH; Frederick W. Cheney, MD; Arthur M. Lam, MD; Jan Eric Peterson, Esq; Philip J. VanDerhoef, Esq.

Professional Liability Clinical Forum: How to Protect Yourself and Your Colleagues

As a result of attending this presentation, the participant will be able to:

- 1) Discuss how to protect oneself in the event of a bad outcome.
- 2) Describe the role of informed consent in medical malpractice.
- 3) Understand how expert witnesses evaluate the standard of care.
- 4) Discuss how malpractice attorneys evaluate liability and settle a claim.

CME STATEMENT:

The Washington State Society of Anesthesiologists is accredited by the Washington State Medical Association CME Accreditation Committee to sponsor continuing medical education activities for physicians.

The Washington State Society of Anesthesiologists designates this educational activity for a maximum of 4 hours in Category I to satisfy the re-licensure requirements of the Washington State Medical Quality Assurance Commission.

The Washington State Society of Anesthesiologists designates this educational activity for a maximum of 4 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Disclosures: All speakers were asked to disclose any support they receive from commercial firms for studies relating to the topic of their presentation. None of the speakers will be discussing off-label or investigational uses of any products or devices.

M. Anthony Luttrell and H. Dieter Zimmer are employees of The Doctors Company and have a financial interest in The Doctors Company, an organization that may have a direct interest in the subject matter of this presentation.

Brian J. Thomas, Director of Risk Management & Senior Claims Attorney, is a full-time, salaried employee of Preferred Physicians Medical Risk Retention Group, Inc. (PPM). PPM is a national professional liability insurance company that markets and sells medical professional liability insurance exclusively to anesthesiologists and anesthesia practice groups. Some PPM policyholders may be in attendance at the WSSA 2011 Scientific Meeting.

The members of the program planning committee discussed these possible conflicts and concluded that because the presenters are salaried and thus their compensation is not based on commission, no conflict should affect their presentations. As well, other competing liability insurance companies are presenting at the meeting and WSSA does not have any exclusive contracts with any company.

Finally, all members of the planning committee were asked to disclose any financial relationships with firms that relate to any of the topics presented. No disclosures were made.

**Registration is complimentary for WSSA members at www.wa-anesthesiology.org
Non-member registration fee is \$100 and \$10 for non-member residents.**

**Residents Only Program is complimentary for WSSA resident members.
Non-member resident fee is \$10 and includes one year of WSSA membership.**

Questions? Please contact Steven Burger via e-mail at wssa@sbims.com or phone 206.367.8704.

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