Want to Learn How to Testify? New Home Study Course by Practicing Physician Teaches Medical Malpractice Defendants and Physicians How to be Effective in Court


Rockville, MD (PRWEB) June 11, 2009 -- An estimated 25% of all practicing physicians are sued annually for malpractice. Nurses, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals are also at risk for medical malpractice lawsuits. In medical malpractice litigation, medical records are reviewed and testimony is given for both the defendant (the medical professional) and the plaintiff (the patient who is bringing the legal suit) by retaining attorneys. Medical professionals are reimbursed on average of between $250 and $600 for each hour spent reviewing documents and testifying as to an opinion of the merit of the case.

Any health care professionals in any specialty can be hired to do this review and to testify as to their professional opinion. But before doing so they must first learn how to deflect the opposing attorney's attempts to impeach (discredit) them with several tactics.

A new home study course teaches how to deflect or at least neutralize these well known discrediting tactics.

Previously health professionals would have had to travel to attend expensive and time-consuming medical expert workshops to gain that knowledge and spent an average of $1500 - $2000 just for tuition and not including travel and hotel costs.


One can either purchase the entire 600 page hardcover volume including a helpful CD-ROM or select and download individual chapters for a smaller fee. Also included in the price is personal coaching by the author Dr. Hookman.

In explaining why he is doing this, Dr. Hookman said, "I want to provide the next generation of physician defendants and medical experts with a convenient, comprehensive and affordable way to gain the education they need to survive the medical malpractice experience intact."

The book discusses among many other subjects:

- Questions that can expect to be asked by the plaintiff's attorney.
- What to say and not say when providing testimony.
- How to respond to purposely embarrassing questions from an attorney.
- How to use medical analogies to strengthen testimony.
• How to manage attorney abuse.

Numerous timesaving forms and templates as well as sample attorney agreements are included.

A reviewer for the Journal of the American Medical Association praised the book as "A reference work (with) astute advice and helpful recommendations, artfully detailed". The editor-at-large for the Journal of Nurse Consulting called it "An invaluable primer for the beginner, a guide for the experienced and also a reference book…for both health care providers and attorney alike."

Practicing physician, author and teaching coach, Perry Hookman, MD, FACP, FACG, is board certified in both gastroenterology and internal medicine and has over 30 years of experience. He is a nationally recognized medical expert who has been chosen by the Office of Medicare Hearings & Appeals of the United States Department of Health and Human Services as an expert medical witness in their most difficult cases.

Dr. Hookman is also the author &/or co-author of more than 50 peer-reviewed articles in internal medicine and gastroenterology. He has served on the editorial boards of peer-reviewed medical publications and as a peer reviewer for The Annals of Internal Medicine, the American Journal of Gastroenterology, and Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Journal.


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