

MCS 2 Selective Health Law for Physicians

“Health Law for Physicians” is a brief introduction to select topics of interest to physicians, including the formation of the physician-patient relationship, regulation and liability related to this unique relationship and the status of issues related to finance and reimbursement in the age of health reform.

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Syllabus

This course consists of four (4), two (2) hour classes with two written assignments. Medicine and law are closely intertwined across a variety of dimensions. However, this brief selective will touch upon a selection of topics that inevitably affect all physicians engaged in the practice of medicine, including the formation of the physician-patient relationship, regulation and liability related to this unique relationship and the status of issues related to finance and reimbursement in the age of health reform.

Educational Objectives

At the conclusion of this course you will have the ability to:

1. Assess the establishment and termination of the physician-patient relationship.
2. Analyze the way in which legal and regulatory challenges shape the current health system liability landscape.
3. Compare and contrast new delivery system and payment reforms.
4. Assess risks related to financial relationships between and among health care providers in the health system.

Topics and Dates

Week 1: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Contracts, Physician-Patient Relationship, Duty to Treat and Emergency Care

Week 2: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Torts and Negligence

Week 3: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Fraud and Abuse, Anti-kickback and Stark Laws

**** Assignment #1 DUE**

Week 4: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Reimbursement Regulation: lowering costs, improving quality and engaging patients in the age of health reform

**** Assignment #2 DUE**

Evaluation

Grading is based upon meaningful engagement and participation (50%) evidenced by reading assigned texts prior to class meetings and applying relevant concepts to discussions. Each of the two (2) written assignments (25% each) should be coherently and concisely written and be two (2) to three (3) pages in length.

Class Size

Minimum 5

Maximum 10