

Dear AAPA Member:

Have you ever been concerned about being sued for medical malpractice or had an interest in providing testimony on the provision of medical care by PAs? If so, there is an AAPA special interest group just for you: the American Academy of PAs in Legal Medicine (AAPALM).

The MISSION of AAPALM is:

- 1) to provide education on malpractice liability and risk management to AAPA members and the medical community with an emphasis on the provision of safe medical care for best care of patients and prevention of lawsuits;
- 2) to provide information and resources to PAs who are interested in becoming medico-legal consultants; and
- 3) to act as a resource and clearinghouse for attorneys and insurance companies seeking PA experts on the scope of practice and standard of care of physician assistants.

YOU ARE INVITED to our AAPALM ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATION SESSION to be held in San Diego FROM 8-10 AM on TUESDAY MAY 26 IN THE POINT LOMA ROOM OF THE MARRIOTT HOTEL. We will be discussing liability issues, risk management, malpractice prevention techniques and other issues that will help you provide better patient care and protect your careers. While you need not be a member to attend, we invite you to learn more about AAPALM and to become a member.

FOR MORE INFORMATION and to become a member, please visit the AAPALM website at www.AAPALM.org. Annual dues are just \$25 and include a bimonthly newsletter that will inform you on reducing your practice liability or help you become a PA medico-legal consultant.

Below and attached is a list of the Medico-Legal Topic Sessions in San Diego where you may learn more about the legal aspects of PA practice. Several of these speakers are AAPALM board members. See you in San Diego!

Sincerely:



Jeffrey G. Nicholson, PhD, PA-C
AAPALM President

Disclaimer: "Please note that AAPALM members generally are not attorneys and do not provide legal advice to PAs who are currently involved in malpractice litigation."

MEDICO-LEGAL, MALPRACTICE, & RISK MANAGEMENT EVENTS

SUNDAY, May 24, 2009

1:00-1:45 PM

Sorry Works! Make the Case for Full Disclosure
Doug Wojcieszak

2:00-2:45 PM

Asset Protection for the Physician Assistant
James L. Cary, PA-C, M.H.A. (AAPALM Board)

3:00-3:45 PM

Medical Malpractice/Risk Management for the Physician Assistant R.
Monty Cary, PA, M.Ed., DFAAPA (AAPALM Board)

4:00-4:45 PM

Advanced Asset Protection for the Physician Assistant:
Steps to Take After The Basics
James L. Cary, PA-C, M.H.A. (AAPALM Board)

MONDAY, May 25, 2009

11:00-11:45 AM Prevention of Medical Errors
Frederick Adolf Paola, M.D., J.D.

TUESDAY, May 26, 2009

8:00–10:00 AM

AAPALM ANNUAL MEETING - all interested are welcome!
Jeff Nicholson, PhD, PA-C, AAPALM President, and Board Members
Point Loma Room – Marriot Hotel and Marina

WEDNESDAY, May 27, 2009

4:00-4:45 PM

Medical Error and Near Misses in the Emergency Department
Joe Lex, M.D., FACEP, FAAEM