

Week 13 - Working Group - Patient Safety-Medical Malpractice - Nov. 9 or Nov. 11, 2010

Working Group Session. Tuesday, 11/09/10 OR Thursday, 11/11/10 1:30-3:50pm

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Objectives:

By the end of the plenary and small group sessions, students will be able to:

- Describe why patient safety has become a major public health concern.
- Define basic components of our current legal system and how it hinders patient safety and risk reduction initiatives.
- Appreciate why reporting of adverse events is a crucial component to learning and quality care improvement.
- Understand and appreciate the importance of medical transparency in improving patient care outcomes.

Preparation:

1. Read the four assigned articles prior to class.
2. Each student is expected to bring one additional patient safety article to the small group session. Please be prepared to discuss why you chose the article and what you specifically learned from it. The two students leading this small group session do not have to bring an additional article.

During the plenary and small group sessions:

1. Students will learn about traditional medical malpractice foundations and their impact on medical errors.
2. Two medical error cases will be presented and discussed with students. Discussion will focus on: (1) how errors occur; (2) how to manage risk when an error occurs; and how caregivers can effect change to improve patient care outcomes.
3. Students will learn about newer transparency programs and their impact on restoring patient trust, establishing a “just culture” in hospitals and improving patient outcomes.
4. Students will break up into their small groups to discuss these issues plus the articles chosen.