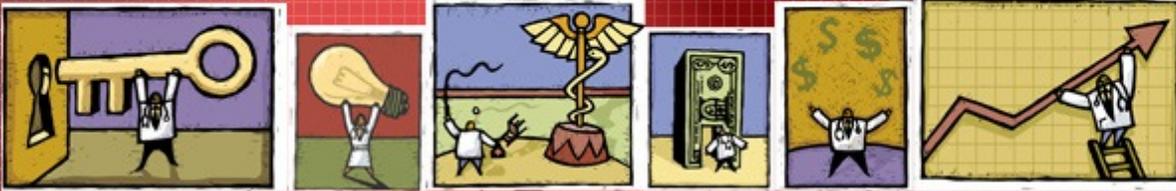


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Medical Malpractice and Managed Care News Digest
December, 2009

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Quick Links...

[Study Finds Uninsured Trauma Patients 80% More Likely to Die](#)

[InjuryBoard.com](#)

In a new study published in the November issue of Archives of Surgery, Harvard University and Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston researchers found trauma patients without medical insurance are more likely to die [than] those with insurance.

[California medical malpractice lawyers recover \\$7.3 million jury verdict against Cedars-Sinai Medical Center](#)

[JusticeNewsFlash.com](#)

California medical malpractice lawyers recover \$7.3 million jury verdict against Cedars-Sinai Medical Center for irreversible brain damage baby injury suit...

[CA Legislature Passes Streamlined Rapid HIV Testing Bill](#)

[AIDS Healthcare Foundation](#)

AB 221 (Portantino, D-Pasadena) Eliminates a Requirement that HIV Testing Counselors Using Finger Stick Rapid Tests be Trained as Limited Phlebotomy Technicians, a Costly and Outdated Barrier to Expanding Access to HIV Testing...

[Documentation and charting: Protect the patient, protect yourself](#)

[Clinical Advisor](#)

Proper documentation is a necessary component of modern health care. Diligent documentation is essential for more than just good patient care. It is also the surest way to protect your professional future. In fact, most third-party insurers require documentation for payment. In short, if you didn't document it, it didn't happen...

[Washington State Passes Two Bills That Increase Infection Control, Safety Standards In Hospitals](#)

[Medical News Today](#)

One bill authorizes state health regulators to conduct unscheduled inspections of hospitals. Previously, hospitals have received four weeks' notice of inspections, including the exact time of the inspectors' arrival. The inspections will begin in August...

[Captivating Captives](#)

[Financial Planning](#)

Physicians are a group of business-owner clients who could benefit from captives. In many areas of the country, the cost of medical malpractice insurance has spiraled out of control. In states like Florida, malpractice premiums for certain specialties have become unaffordable, forcing physicians to eliminate specific high-risk procedures from their practice or move out of the area and establish a practice in a more physician-friendly state...

[Reform Could Push Calif. To Reconsider Malpractice Cap](#)

California Healthline

The House health care reform bill (HR 3962) includes a provision that would "push -- but not quite compel" California and other states that have capped medical malpractice awards to repeal the caps, columnist Dan Walters writes. The Senate has not included such a provision, and resolving the difference in conference committee could be a "major issue" if the Senate passes its reform bill, according to Walters...

[Bellingham woman sues doctors, St. Joseph for malpractice](#)

Bellingham Herald

Carol Martin suffered severe brain damage following a surgery at the hospital in October 2004, but defense attorneys contend the damage was a rare complication that doctors and nurses did everything possible to prevent...

[Your Internal Audit's Vital Signs](#)

Business Finance

When Tom Boyle, district audit officer at Palomar Pomerado Healthcare (PPH), updated his board of directors on the progress of his company's fledgling continuous GRC monitoring program in September, he chose an analogy that hit close to home. "Continuous controls monitoring is just like monitoring a patient's vital signs," says Boyle, a 30-year veteran of healthcare internal auditing...

[Judge approves \\$6M settlement for UC Davis Medical Center](#)

Sacramento Business Journal

A Sacramento County Superior Court judge approved a \$6 million medical malpractice settlement against the University of California on Friday on behalf of a 4-year-old boy who suffered injuries during birth at the UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento...

[Pharmacists are a vital, if under-used, part of healthcare](#)

Los Angeles Times

One physician says their years of training make them 'walking encyclopedias' on drug effectiveness, side effects and interactions...

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