Reducing Legal Liability –  
Preparation for the Attorney Interview

Purpose
Provide clinicians tools needed to prevent, and if unable to prevent, to work with an attorney to respond to complaints from a regulatory agency.

Objectives
◆ List medical record documentation strategies that reduce liability.
◆ Describe common emotional responses of physicians to an attorney interview.
◆ Outline helpful attitudes and communicate strategies to work with representing attorneys.
◆ Describe changes you will make in interaction with an attorney in the future.

Program
A preliminary information meeting between medical participants and law experts will be held on **October 12 at 3:30 p.m.** at the Pollard Auditorium, Carle Forum building. This is not mandatory for faculty but will be useful.

You will receive a “complaint” from the Department of Professional Regulation. A law student (JD) will represent you on the complaint. You will be asked to review a chart as if it were your chart and work with the attorney in two preparatory 30-90 minute sessions. In a third session, the attorney will represent you to an investigator from the Department of Professional Regulation.

An optional fourth session on **November 30 at 12:30 p.m.** at the Pollard Auditorium will include 20 JD students and 20 doctors meeting to review the results of the activity, to outline key learning points, and for collegial physician-attorney social interaction.

Scheduling
These activities occur **at your convenience**, when both you and the JD student are available to meet. The three interviews, 30-90 minutes, must be conducted sometime between **October 20 and November 20, 2006**. No fee is required for participation.

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The University of Illinois College of Medicine has designated this educational activity for a maximum of six Category I credits toward the AMA Physician’s Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those credits that he/she actually spent in the activity.