

Schedule

Registration and Breakfast**7:00 am**

Welcome and Introduction

Lowell Brown, Partner, Arent Fox

8:00 am

Dealing with New Technology: Telehealth and Credentialing**8:10 – 9:00 am**

Telemedicine has become an integral part of health care delivery in many hospitals. Many medical staffs, however, still grapple with questions regarding the best way to credential and review telehealth practitioners. This presentation will discuss the way in which telehealth technology is being incorporated into new areas of hospital operations and the credentialing and privileging challenges and opportunities the new technology brings.

Speakers:

Sarah Benator, Counsel, Arent Fox

Hillary Stemple, Associate, Arent Fox

False Claims Act and Peer Review: What to Expect in 2019**9:00 – 9:45 am**

The volume of health care-related qui tam litigation under the False Claims Act (FCA) remained robust in 2018. We will explore FCA trends and recent developments. We will also address how the FCA affects peer review and what providers and practitioners should be aware of. This presentation will address topics including the medical staff's view of medical necessity as well as the government's approach regarding these topics in investigations and litigation.

Speakers:

Lynn Fiorentino, Partner, Arent Fox

Tom Jeffrey, Partner, Arent Fox

BREAK**9:45 – 10:00 am**

The Dangers of Dithering: Sexual Harassment and Peer Review in the #MeToo Era**10:00 – 11:00 am**

Everyone has heard about the #MeToo movement. Perhaps no other social media hashtag has become so viral so quickly, and awareness of sexual harassment is now at unprecedented levels. The problem is real. For example, studies tell us that among academic medical center faculty members, 30% of women have reported experiencing sexual harassment. The resulting damage to careers – for both harasser and victim – can be significant and long-lasting. Still, dealing with the problem is a struggle for many medical staffs and hospitals. Too many of them dither – failing to act when they should, allowing the problem to worsen. How can leaders spot sexual harassment? How can you create a culture that discourages it? What tools are available to you to investigate and act on reported incidents? How does the medical staff work effectively with human resources on this problem, while preserving peer review confidentiality and protections? We will address all of these questions and others.

Speakers:

Lowell Brown, Partner, Arent Fox

Jennifer Terry, Partner, Arent Fox

Foundations, Medical Staffs and Medical Groups: Who's on First?**11:00 – 11:45 am**

California's hospitals, medical staffs, and large medical groups are accustomed to dealing with overlapping physician membership. The challenges that arise from such situations are even more complex when a medical foundation and its contracted medical group are involved. How do these organizations coexist? Do they share peer review and

credentialing information? Should they conduct joint hearings for members they share? Can leaders in one such organization hold positions in the others? Are there ways to reduce or avoid rivalries among the various entities? This presentation will offer an in-depth analysis of these relationships and will address the potential pitfalls and opportunities in navigating them.

Speakers:

Lowell Brown, Partner, Arent Fox
Susie Murphy, Counsel, Arent Fox

LUNCH PROVIDED**11:45 am – 12:15 pm****Lunch Presentation – Disruptive Practitioners: Learning New Behavioral Skills to Maintain Position and Privileges****12:15 – 1:15 pm**

For physicians with disruptive behavior to maintain their position and privileges in their practice or hospital staff, they must learn new behavioral skills to enable them to function in an increasingly complex medical environment. Dr. Betsy White Williams will address tools and other resources available to deal with disruptive physicians, including prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.

Speaker:

Dr. Betsy White Williams, Clinical Director, Professional Renewal Center

Teaming With Your Lawyers to Avoid Lawsuits: Some Strategies for Medical Staffs and Hospitals**1:15 – 2:00 pm**

No one wants a lawsuit, including your lawyers! In this presentation, we identify when it's time to call for backup to help navigate sticky situations, with the ultimate goal of keeping you and your physicians out of the courtroom. How can I protect sensitive conversations using the attorney-client privilege? When do lawyers need to be looped into the peer review process? How can I prevent my fellow physicians' emails from being read aloud in deposition? When do rumors and grumbles need to be escalated to counsel? We'll answer these questions and more in an interactive presentation.

Speakers:

Debra Albin-Riley, Partner, Arent Fox
Diane Roldán, Associate, Arent Fox

BREAK**2:00 – 2:15 pm****Case Studies****2:15 – 3:00 pm**

Our always popular case studies, which to most attendees will seem very familiar!

Speakers:

The Entire Arent Fox Team

Ask Us Anything!**3:00 – 3:30 pm**

The entire team will be available to answer any questions any audience member has about peer review law. We promise not to "Plead the Fifth".

Speakers:

The Entire Arent Fox Team

Cocktail Reception and Networking**3:30 – 5:00 pm**