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■ LOCATION

Marathon Auditorium in the Donnell Patient Pavilion at Blanchard Valley Hospital, Findlay, Ohio. Enter through the front door of the Pavilion facing Main Street and ask at the front desk for the Marathon Auditorium. For directions to the hospital go to www.bvha.org or call 419-423-4500.

■ QUESTIONS

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■ REGISTRATION

The fee is \$25 for employees of Consortium member hospitals and \$50 for all others if postmarked on or before **November 6, 2009** and

\$30 for employees of Consortium member hospitals and \$55 for all others if postmarked after **November 6, 2009**. This includes morning and afternoon refreshments, continuing education credit, and conference materials. Lunch is on your own.

Refunds are available if notification is provided at least 48 hours prior to the conference. The office voice mail takes messages 24 hours per day. Substitutes are accepted anytime.

■ CREDITS

ProMedica Health System (OH-069/4-1-12) is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Ohio Nurses Association (OBN-001-91), an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

■ DESCRIPTION

This conference is designed for staff working in the hospital obstetrical unit, however other nurses interested in the agenda are welcome. The purpose of the conference is to provide information to nurses about litigation related to perinatal nursing. The conference is intended to provide knowledge which will result in a decreased risk of being named in a lawsuit and decreasing the fear of the unknown related to being named or queried related to a lawsuit.

Please share this announcement
with a colleague.

Nursing Negligence in Obstetrics: Incident to Verdict

Friday, November 20, 2009

Marathon Auditorium
Donnell Patient Pavilion
Blanchard Valley Hospital
1900 S. Main Street
Findlay, OH 45840

Offered by:

Region III+ Perinatal Education Consortium

*This program is an educational event co-provided
by ProMedica Health System and the
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The Perinatal Region III+ Education Consortium is a collaborative effort of perinatal professionals at member hospitals in Region III+. The mission of the Consortium is to enhance the quality and quantity of basic orientation and continuing education resources available to the perinatal staff of member hospitals.

■AGENDA

8:30 a.m. Registration\Conference Breakfast

8:55 a.m. Welcome and Introduction
Sandy Niese, RN, BSN, CCE
OB Clinical Manager
Blanchard Valley Hospital

Faculty:

Elizabeth E. Baer, Esq.
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9:00 a.m. **Intro to the day and review the fact pattern**

9:15 a.m. **Overview of lawsuit from beginning to end**

Objective: Outline the procedural aspects of a professional liability lawsuit and the sequence of events generally occurring in an obstetrical negligence lawsuit.

9:30 a.m. **Tort reform update and liability coverage issues**

Objective: Explain the relevance of recent case law and statutes affecting obstetrical negligence lawsuits.

9:50a.m. **Discovery issues in an OB lawsuit**

Objective: Recognize how nurses, and nurse generated documents, are used in preparing for, or defending, an obstetrical negligence lawsuit.

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a. m. **QA/Peer Review/Incident Reports**

Objective: Discuss important components of QA/Peer Review documents and the use of these documents in an obstetrical negligence lawsuit.

11:15 a.m. **Preparing for Deposition**

Objective: Explain how to prepare for, and testify, in a deposition, as both a defendant and/or fact witness.

11:45 a.m. **Giving a Deposition**

Objective: Give an example, from those provided by the audience, of a discovery deposition of a nurse in an obstetrical negligence case.

12:30 p.m. Lunch – on your own

1:30 p.m. **Establishing Standard of Care and Causation**

Objective: Describe how the standard of care and proximate cause are proven in an obstetrical negligence lawsuit, including the role of the nurse as witness/expert and the use of policies and procedures.

2:00 p.m. **Trial**

- Opening
- Plaintiff's case (cross-examination of the nursing witness)
-Defendant's case (direct examination of nursing witness)
-Closing Arguments
Objective: Describe key components of an obstetrical negligence trial as conducted by plaintiff and defense lawyers.

3:30 p.m. **Question and Answer session**

4:00 p.m. Evaluation

4:15 p.m. Adjourn

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