

Medical Malpractice Conference
In collaboration with the RATZAN LAW GROUP
Friday 15 May 2015, Miami, Florida

- 08.00 Registration and refreshments
- 08.30 Chair's Introduction
Stuart Ratzan, Ratzan Law Group LLP
- 09.00 **Obstetrics - Bradley Dennis, MD, MS, MPH, CHE, CPE, FACHE, FACOG**
Clinical Professor, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, UPMC
- "Towards the Emerging Barriers to Quality, Safety and the Patient's Experience in Obstetrics:
- Birth injury
 - Corrective measures
 - What's negligent?
 - Still birth and fetal monitoring
- 09.45 **Neurosurgical claims - Spine, Head and Brain**
Speakers – Neurosurgeon, John Schneider MD, Neuro-Spine Center of Excellence & University of Utah Hospitals & Neuroradiologist
Dr Robert Quencer MD, Professor & Chairman of Department of Radiology, The University of Miami
- Trauma and spinal conditions necessitating surgery
 - Complications of spinal surgery – negligent and non-negligent/post-op complications and infections
 - Cauda equina – the window of opportunity to operate and consequences of failing to operate within this period
 - Failure to diagnose fractures, tumors and other spinal conditions & misinterpretation of radiology resulting in inappropriate treatment
 - Hematomas, AVMs and brain tumors – Failure to diagnose
 - Infection resulting from surgery
- 10.45 Refreshments
- 11.10 Legislative and case law update
Mr Stuart Ratzan
Ratzan Law Group LLP

- 12.10 **Cancer – Missed diagnosis and delayed treatment**
Dr Stuart Packer MD, Clinical Director, Medical Oncologist,
Motefiore Einstein Center for Cancer Care
- Patient journey – how and why things go wrong
 - National programmes
 - Surgical Innovation
 - Better knowledge of tumor biology
 - New drug therapy
 - Cancer genetics
 - Quality Assurance
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 **Primary Care Physician Negligence - Failure to diagnose,**
investigate or treat
Dr Bradley Sherman MD, Chairman of the Dept of Medicine and
Chief Medical Officer
- Acute cardiac events - especially out of hours
 - Deep Vein thrombosis
 - Cauda Equina Syndrome
 - Meningitis
 - Fracture
 - Cancer – particularly breast, prostate and bowel
 - Ectopic pregnancy
 - Hypertension
 - Appendicitis (and other bowel infections)
 - Sudden death (from almost any cause)
 - Drug errors
- 14.40 **Standards of care, duty of resident, interns & attending**
Physicians
Dr Alan Segal MD, Program Director and Neurologist, New York
Presbyterian, New York
- 15.20 Refreshments
- 15.45 **The current state of Daulbert in Florida, including litigation**
strategies
Mr Herman Russomanno, Russomanno & Borrello PA

16.45 **The Emergency Room and malpractice**
Mirand Sharma MD FAAEM, Heart of Florida Regional Medical Center

Chest pain

Room for error – History and failure to give adequate importance to risks
Too much weight to early results that are normal
Investigations – misinterpretation of ECG
Failure to arrange follow up or give advice to return

Headache

Very common errors occur as a result of: -

- Failure to recognise “red flag” symptoms
- Failure to take proper history and heed the concerns of relatives
- Failure to give follow up
- Failure to follow guidelines

Minor injuries

Networking and drinks followed by:-

17.30 **Panel discussion of hot topics in medical malpractice**
Attendees invited to ask questions, offer their own experiences and join in the discussion

Panel: - Mr Stuart Ratzan, Ratzan Law Group LLP, Skip Pita, Pita & Del Prado, Stephen Cain, Stewart Tilghman Fox Bianchi & Cain PA, Herman Russomanno, Russomanno & Borrello PA