Insurance medicine and medicolegal expertise program-June 2015

Many physicians start writing medicolegal reports at the end of their professional career, sometimes during many years, and sometimes on a full-time basis, and this without any formal medicolegal training. These experts ignore that immunity for medical experts is past history; every year medical experts are being sued for negligence and or defamation; an active expert shall maintain his or her reputation; we are in an era where by a simple click, search engines like Canlii, can provide any party requesting an IME with opinions of judges on your written reports or on your testimony in Court. It is very difficult to rebuild your expert credibility, once you have been sued for your negligent medicolegal work, or when Canlii disclose many Court decisions paying no respect to your opinion. At the question period of any medico-legal CME events, it is surprising to discover the lack of medicolegal knowledge of some experts ....who nevertheless think they do not need any formal training. Being a good doctor is necessary but not enough to become a good medico-legal expert!

Be also aware that CSME, the Canadian Society of Medical Evaluators, has sent a letter of proposal to the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, for an Area of Focused Competence (AFC) diploma in medico-legal expertise; stay tuned for the development of such a diploma.

Our on-line medicolegal lectures start May 1st, September 1st, and January 1st every year; it is probably the best way to avoid the worry of a medicolegal suit. You could then discover what the main duties of a medical expert are, and discover what the fundamental ethical rules regulating this area of medical practice are. You also could discover refinements in the use of impairment guidelines, learn to build a stronger and well motivated opinion, or reason on causality using the best imputation criteria applying to the case. You could also discover the expectations of the requesting parties while maintaining your independence towards them. You will learn how to make a crystal clear vulgarization on complex scientific matters and most important how to survive a cross-examination. You may also increase your chances to qualify in the future for the portfolio of any new Canadian diploma in medico-legal expertise.

Register on-line, at: http://www.mae.umontreal.ca/en/e-learning/registration

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