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40th Annual Risk Managers' Meeting

September 19 - 20 | Embassy Suites, East Peoria

Speaker Guide



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Overview

This in-person conference offers didactic and interactive presentations for risk managers, patient safety officers, nurses, physicians, hospital leaders, and attorneys. Nationally recognized speakers will share resources and tools to reduce risk, liability exposure, and advance patient safety in healthcare.

Speakers

Thursday, September 19th



Scott Griffith

Founding Partner and CEO of SG Collaborative Solutions LLC

Mr. Griffith is the founder and managing partner of SG Collaborative Solutions, LLC. Scott gained his reputation for world-class collaborative skills through success in working with high-consequence industries across the globe. He initially came to prominence in the field of aviation, and is widely recognized as the father of the airline industry's highly successful Aviation Safety Action Programs (ASAP). In 1998, he received the Admiral Luis de Florez Award from the Flight Safety Foundation for his outstanding contribution to aviation safety. [Read more](#)

S. Linda Habibi, JD, MBA, CPHRM

Director, Patient Safety and Risk Management

Linda started her career in med-mal defense litigation at a large law firm in St. Louis. After several years in practice, Linda pivoted career paths into healthcare risk management due to strong connections with her clients: the hospital risk professionals. After leaving the practice of law, Linda worked as Regulatory Compliance and Risk Management Coordination overseeing both regulatory and risk management activities for a multi-state health system in the Midwest. In 2018, Linda moved to Boston with her husband. She initially worked as a Risk Manager for Norwood Hospital before transitioning to a Senior Risk Manager at Tufts Medical Center. She is currently the Director of Patient Safety and Risk Management at Lahey Hospital and Medical Center in Burlington, MA.





Gerald B. Hickson, MD

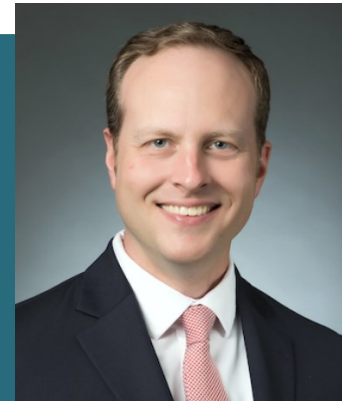
*Professor of Pediatrics, Joseph C. Ross of Medical Education
Founding Director, Vanderbilt Health CPA*

Dr. Hickson serves on the Board of Directors of Keck (USC) Health System, the RL Datix Customer Advisory Board and is a member of the International Regulatory Expert Advisory Group to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). Dr. Hickson previously served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF). [Read more](#)

Jonathan Stewart, JD, MSc, MS, RN, CPPS, CPHRM

Senior Director, BETA Healthcare Group

Mr. Stewart joined BETA in 2016 with experience as a risk manager and patient safety practitioner in hospital, ambulatory, and regional system settings. He leads the rapid adverse event response and analysis domain of BETA HEART and directs BETA's employment practices liability (EPL) risk management program. Mr. Stewart has a clinical background in emergency nursing and holds master's degrees in nursing/health policy from the University of California at San Francisco and in human factors and system safety from Lund University in Sweden. He received his law degree and certificate in health law from the University of Tulsa, and a graduate certificate in clinical bioethics from Loyola University Chicago. He is a past president of the American Association of Nurse Attorneys and former director of the California Society for Healthcare Risk Management.



Gerald Castro, PhD, MPH

Managing Director of Research, Policy, and Quality, ATW Health Solutions

Dr. Castro is Managing Director of Research, Policy, and Quality at ATW Health Solutions where he supports the AHRQ Diagnostic Safety Coordinating Center. Prior to joining ATW, he was the Director of Quality Improvement of Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine (SIDM) where he administered the portfolio of programs and research. His professional efforts are focused on improving patient safety through defining and applying evidence-based strategies in health care. Dr. Castro was the Principal investigator for the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT project "Investigations of Health IT-related Deaths, Serious Injuries of Unsafe Conditions." He was a member of the AHRQ Diagnostic Centers of Excellence Special Emphasis Panel, AAMI Foundation Board of Directors, as well as the NQF Common Formats and HIT Patient Safety and Expert Panels.

He received his undergraduate degree from Loyola University in Chicago and his Master of Public Health degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in health policy and administration. He received a PhD in Public Health Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago focusing on patient safety and safety event analysis. He is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in Georgetown University's Executive Master's in Clinical Quality, Safety, and Leadership (EM-CQSL).



Kathy Silay, RN, MJ

Medical Malpractice Claims Supervisor & Claims Consultant, IRMS

Kathy manages claims for IPT, MAIC, and IRMS and provides consultation to hospital staff and providers in potential and actual claims matters. Kathy also conducts medical record reviews, investigations and consults with experts in actual and pre-suit claims. Kathy has a diverse nursing background, and in her last position prior to joining IHA, served as a Risk Manager for a large Chicago area Health System. Kathy is an active member of ASHRM, CHRMS and is a certified Professional in Patient Safety (CPPS). She received her BSN from Elmhurst University and her Masters of Jurisprudence (MJ) from Loyola University School of Law.

Tammy Gamrat, RN, BS, CPHRM

Senior Risk Management Consultant, IRMS

Tammy joined IRMS in 2001 as a risk management consultant. She has a well-rounded background in hospital-based risk management, infection control, and staff education, as well as emergency, obstetrical, medical-surgical, critical care, office practice, and correctional nursing. She is a respected resource and presenter for topics related to healthcare risk and mitigation thereof.

Tammy has been a Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management since 2001. She received her Bachelor's degree in Physiology from Southern Illinois University—Carbondale, and her nursing diploma from Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing, Evansville IN.



Teresa Baumgartner, RN, MJ

Senior Risk and Claims Consultant, IRMS

In her role as a Senior Risk and Claims Consultant at Illinois Risk Management Services (IRMS), Teresa provides consultation to hospitals, physicians, and clinic staff on risk management matters, performs risk assessments, prepares and delivers educational programs, and provides support for Claims Supervisors. Prior to joining IRMS in 2004, she had her own consulting business and worked at a major medical malpractice law firm as a Nurse Consultant. During this time, Teresa also worked as an adjunct faculty member teaching Legal Nurse Consulting Courses at a local college. Her career as a registered nurse began with staff nursing in ICU at a Level 1 Trauma Center. She is an active member of ASHRM, ISHRM, and CHRMS.

Speakers

Friday, September 20th

Michael Woods, JD

Assistant Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, IHA

Michael Woods is the Assistant Vice President and Deputy General Counsel of the Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA) and serves as second in command of IHA's Legal Affairs Department. Prior to joining IHA, he served as an Assistant Public Defender, Assistant State's Attorney, a consultant, and an in-house counsel to UI Health. Mike enjoys bringing a practical perspective to complex health care regulations.



Chad Brouillard, Esq

Partner, Foster & Eldridge LLP

Chad graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell with a BA, magna cum laude, and with a dual major in English Literature and Philosophy. He then graduated from Boston College with a MA in Philosophy. During that time he worked with information technology for area Internet-based startup companies. Thereafter, in 2003, Mr. Brouillard obtained his JD from St. John University's School of Law with a Dean's List distinction. During law school, Mr. Brouillard interned with the United States Attorney's Office and then with the Hon. Joseph M. McLaughlin, United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit. He was also a Comment and Notes Editor for the American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review. [Read more](#)

Gerald Auger, PhD

Adjunct Professor, Department of Cyber and Computer Sciences Swain Family School of Science and Maintenance, The Military College of South Carolina

Dr. Auger is passionate about information security, and enjoys contributing to the development and maturation of organizational information security programs. Having worked within the information technology space since 2005 with a focus on information security and compliance in 2008, Dr. Auger takes a realistic approach to his work and has experience leveraging multiple privacy and risk management frameworks to assist organizations reduce risk and improve security with respect to quality, cost and schedule. [Read more](#)

