

Medicolegal Meeting Calendar

Abstracts (continued)

operation were still employed four years after the procedure. In comparison, only 68 percent and 44 percent of patients who were in the age range of 55 to 59 years or 60 years or more, respectively, at the time of the operation were employed four years after the operation.

Patients who were not working before the operation tended to remain unemployed following the operation. The factors that affected the decision not to work included the patient's age at the time of the operation, the development of angina pectoris after the operation, a previous myocardial infarction, and the physical requirements of the patient's prior employment. Of patients not employed prior to the operation, 22 percent were employed four years later.

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Health Care Delivery

Siegler M. *A Right to Health Care: Ambiguity, Professional Responsibility, and Patient Liberty*. *JOURNAL OF MEDICINE AND PHILOSOPHY* 4(2): 148-57 (June 1979) [7-614].

A social right to health care would change the physician-patient relationship from one of covenant into one of contract, because, both parties being partly coerced into the relationship, they would lack that element of mutual surrender or "donation" which supports a covenantal relationship. A right to health care would also restrict the liberty of citizens to engage in unhealthful behavior, because it would actually be understood as a right to health. Once health becomes a governmental guarantee, *i.e.*, a right, it will lead, as have other governmental guarantees, such as public education or safe air travel, to governmental prohibition of personal behaviors inimical to the attainment of the guaranteed outcome.

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Other Organizations

AMA Congress on Occupational Health, at the Salt Lake Hilton Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah (September 11-12, 1980). Contact: B.S. Jansson, Department of Environmental, Public, and Occupational Health, American Medical Association, 535 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60610.

Physician Negotiators: Dynamics of Conflict Resolution with Health Planning and Other Government Agencies, at the Radisson Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri (September 12-13, 1980). Contact: I. Mayeda, AMA Department of Negotiations, 535 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60610.

Physician Compensation and Contracting, in New Orleans, Louisiana (October 2-4, 1980), and in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands (November 17-19, 1980). Contact: Registrar, Aspen Systems Corporation, 20010 Century Blvd., Germantown, MD 20767.

Hospital Construction, sponsored by Forum Committees on the Construction Industry and on Health Law, in New York City (October 3-4, 1980). Contact: Norman E. Nelson, American Bar Association, 1155 East 60th St., Chicago, IL 60637.

Tax Aspects of Nonprofit Health Care Organizations, at the Sheraton in Washington, D.C. (October 9-10, 1980). Contact: National Health Lawyers Association, Suite 708, 522 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

Medicare/Medicaid Reimbursement, at the Key Bridge Marriott, in Washington, D.C. (October 22-24, 1980). Contact: National Health Lawyers Association, Suite 708, 522 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

American Academy of Occupational Medicine, at the Regency Hyatt, San Francisco, California (October 29-31, 1980). Contact: H.N. Schulz, 150 N. Wacker Dr., Chicago, IL 60606.

National Conference on the Impaired Physician, in Baltimore, Maryland (October 29-November 1, 1980). Contact: Dept. of Mental Health, American Medical Association, 535 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60610.

ASLM Programs

For information on any of the below-listed conferences, please contact:

Conference Coordinator
American Society of Law & Medicine
520 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02215

National Conference on Patients' Rights, Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN, September 29-30, 1980.

Hotel Accommodations: A specially priced block of guest rooms has been reserved at the Opryland Hotel, 2800 Opryland Drive, Nashville, TN 37214, (615) 899-1000.

Medical Determinations in Workers' Compensation, International Inn, Washington, D.C., October 9-11, 1980.

Hotel Accommodations: A specially priced block of guest rooms has been reserved until September 4, 1980. International Inn, 10 Thomas Circle, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Legal & Ethical Aspects of Treatment for the Critically & Terminally Ill Patient, Ambassador West Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, October 16-17, 1980.

Hotel Accommodations: A specially priced block of guest rooms has been reserved until September 24, 1980. Please make reservations directly with the Ambassador West Hotel, 1300 North State Parkway, Chicago, IL 60610, (312) 787-7900.

Refusing Treatment in Mental Health Institutions: Values in Conflict, Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, November 10-11, 1980.

Hotel Accommodations: A block of rooms has been reserved until October 10, 1980. Contact: Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, MA 02116, (617) 267-5300.

Health Care Facility Labor Law and Equal Employment Opportunity, Washington Hilton, Washington, D.C., November 13-14, 1980.

Hotel Accommodations: Contact the Reservations Manager, Washington Hilton Hotel, Connecticut Avenue at Columbia Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009, (202) 483-3000.

Critical Issues in Health Law, Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, California, December 10-11, 1980.

Hotel Accommodations: Call immediately for reservations, Fairmont Hotel, atop Nob Hill, San Francisco, CA 94106, (415) 772-5000.