

ISMIE-news



Your Source for News on Medical Liability and Managing Risk

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1. ISMIE joins in the Motion to Rehear Illinois' Medical Litigation Reform!

[Last month](#) we told you about the Illinois Supreme Court's disappointing decision overturning the state's hard-won medical liability law. In our recent [letter to Illinois physicians](#) we promised to be proactive and continue to fight the good fight on behalf of our profession and our patients and we are doing just that!

One example of remaining proactive is that just last week, ISMIE showed strong disagreement with the ruling and joined Gottlieb Memorial Hospital in a motion requesting that the Illinois Supreme Court conduct a re-hearing in the *LeBron* case. The motion requests the court to reconsider its opinion that Illinois' medical lawsuit reforms violate the state constitution's separation of powers clause.

The petition for re-hearing is based upon theory that there was a misinterpretation of an Illinois Supreme Court decision from 1960 wherein the legislature could bar compensatory non-economic damages in common law cases. Watch for further updates in ISMIE-news and our other communications.

ISMIE stands strong in our commitment to help protect the health of Illinois patients. We have received support from other news media that agree with us. You can read some of the news articles opposing the ruling at the Reality Medicine [web site](#).

2. ISMIE's Unique Approach Benefits You! (Part III)

Last week we told you about how ISMIE Mutual makes a difference for policyholders through its expense reimbursement for reasonable legal fees for Medicare, Medicaid and Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation investigations. ISMIE's unique

approach also offers benefits to its policyholders through its extensive risk management education program.

ISMIE's risk management services are designed to help policyholders:

- Improve the safety and quality of care
- Reduce their practice-related professional liability exposures
- Optimize their defensibility when a claim is brought against them

Our innovative new Managing Risk Partnership Program is built on our previous Risk Rewards program experience and provides proven ways to further minimize liability risk while also earning premium discounts.

Learn more about the Partnership Program by logging in to our [web site](#). Click on Risk Management and start learning risk management techniques to help you and your practice today!

For more information on the Managing Risk Partnership Program, contact the Risk Management Division at riskmanagement@ismie.com or 800-782-4767, ext. 3300.

3. ISMIE Helps You Earn *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*[™]

Did you know that you are eligible to receive CME credit for completing activities in our Managing Risk Partnership Program? Participating in the program can help you lower your practice's risk and is free for current policyholders.

How many CME credits will I earn? CME activities have credit designated to them. Credits are how CME providers measure and track physician participation and are often tied to the amount of time it takes to complete the activity.

For information about the amount of *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™] you've earned by participating in ISMIE CME activities, visit our [web site](#). After you log in, click on MyISMIE and go to MyRewards. Scroll down to "CME Transcript" to get your credits. If you have any questions, contact Risk Management at riskmanagement@ismie.com or 800-782-4767, ext.

3300.

4. ISMIE's Partnership/Corporation Option May Be Right for Your Practice

Have you organized your practice as a group such as a corporation, partnership or other legal entity? If so and you'd like insurance protection against claims for your entity, then a separate policy is required. ISMIE offers this type of coverage through our Partnership/Corporation Professional Liability Insurance.

If you are the sole shareholder of your own medical corporation, coverage for the corporate entity or a "doing business as" (DBA) name can be provided under your individual professional liability policy at no additional charge. To obtain coverage, you must report the sole shareholder corporation or DBA to ISMIE Mutual so an endorsement can be added to your policy. You and your DBA will share the policy limits of liability. If you wish to carry separate limits of liability, ISMIE can help you purchase a separate corporation policy.

For more details about ISMIE's Partnership/Corporation Professional Liability Coverage, contact the Underwriting Division at underwriting@ismie.com or 800-782-4767.

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