



The Illinois Society of Healthcare Risk Management
Presents:

“Pain Management by Proxy”

Audio Conference
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12:00 pm – 1:30 pm CST

(CEU's available for Nursing and CPHRM)
(CLEs available for Attorneys)

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While patient controlled analgesia can be an effective and efficient way to control a patient's pain, PCA by proxy, or the use of a PCA pump by a person other than the patient, is an emerging trend. In addition, non-authorized persons may act as a proxy unbeknownst to the nursing staff. As the system is designed to alleviate the patient's own perceptions of pain, PCA by proxy can lead to untoward results despite the general perception that the pumps are designed to prevent overdoses. This session will discuss the inherent safety concerns of this practice, the legal issues which result, and the updated recommendations from The Joint Commission for the monitoring of patients on PCA.

Objectives:

- Outline reasons regarding safety concerns of patient controlled analgesia being administered by another person other than the patient.
- Formulate safety concerns in the context of a lawsuit, providing actual case scenerios in an informative manner.
- Inform the audience of ways to reduce risk effectively and efficiently, including updated TJC recommendations on the monitoring of patients.

Speaker:

Our speaker, Elizabeth Emilia Jaci was admitted into the Illinois Bar in 2001 and concentrates her practice in the area of Medical Malpractice Defense, Healthcare Defense, Personal Injury Defense, and Nursing Home Defense Litigation. She is a partner at the Chicago law firm Barker & Castro, LLC.

Born and raised in Italy, Ms. Jaci earned her B.S. in Economics from Northwestern University in 1998, and her J.D. from the University of Illinois in 2001. After graduating from law school, Ms. Jaci served as an Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago's Law Department, Torts Division, where she litigated numerous jury trials and obtained a majority of defense verdicts defending the City and its employees in personal injury lawsuits and premises liability cases. Since joining private practice in 2004 Ms. Jaci has defended medical malpractice actions and tried jury cases ranging from failure to diagnose and treat bacterial meningitis resulting in death, failure to diagnose and treat congestive heart failure resulting in coma and death, failure to appropriately monitor an elderly patient during meals resulting in a choking death, the negligent performance of gynecological surgery resulting in burns, and failure to appropriately diagnose and treat an infant with failure to thrive resulting in catastrophic injuries.

Ms. Jaci has contributed to the chapter on hospital duties, liabilities, and immunities contained in the publication Illinois Jurisprudence, Vol.27, Health Law.

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