**Improving Patient Safety: An Analysis of Dental Risks and Liability**

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**

9:00 am – Noon (Registration 8:30-9:00 am)

**Tuition:** $135

**Address for MapQuest®/GPS driving directions:**

1700 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89102

**SYNOPSIS:**

This course presents strategies to enhance quality care and patient safety by identifying potential malpractice issues and associated clinical risk management principles. Topics, including dental extractions and implants, failure to diagnose oral cancer and periodontal disease, opioid management, communication, documentation, the informed consent process, and HIPAA/HITECH regulations, will be explored through a comprehensive analysis of dental claims. This three hour lecture is designed for dentists and dental staff. There are no prerequisites.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

- Identify common risk factors in implant, extraction, and failure to diagnose cases.
- Understand how to implement key clinical risk management strategies to help mitigate associated risk factors, improve patient safety, and reduce untoward outcomes and malpractice claims.
- Gain knowledge about opioid management, including considerations for prescribing and securing opioids in the dental practice.
- Learn effective policies and procedures to help improve HIPAA/HITECH compliance in the dental practice.

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Dr. Michael R. Ragan is an attorney in a Miami, FL law firm with 25 years of experience as a defense trial attorney. Dr. Ragan received a BA from Syracuse University, a DMD from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, a JD from the Georgetown University Law Center, and an LLM in Health Law from Loyola University College of Law. Dr. Ragan has held academic appointments at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, the University of Florida College of Dentistry, and the Georgetown University School of Dentistry. Dr. Ragan is presently Adjunct Professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Nova Southeastern College of Dental Medicine. Dr. Ragan practiced clinical dentistry for 15 years and supervised healthcare professional liability claims for 7 years within the insurance industry. Dr. Ragan was on the Board of Directors of Fortress Insurance Company as well as the Chairman of their Claims Committee and currently serves as Medico-legal Consultant for Fortress. Dr. Ragan is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists and the American College of Legal Medicine.

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