

2009 Hot Topics Workshops

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- Friday, Oct. 2, 2009 • The Cliffs Resort at Possum Kingdom Lake
- Friday, Oct. 16, 2009 • Inn on Barons Creek, Fredericksburg

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Session Overview

Each year, Texas Hospital Insurance Exchange's popular Hot Topics Workshops bring health care industry leaders together for a day of lively, in-depth discussions of the hottest issues facing health care.

These workshops are **FREE to all THIE customers**, and offered for a nominal charge to other health care providers. New this year, participants can qualify for continuing nursing education credits. Join the experts from THIE, Texas Hospital Association and Davis & Davis PC for a day of continuing education, networking and the latest on the hottest topics in Texas health care.

Target Audience

THIE Hot Topics Workshops are ideal for Texas hospital chief executive officers, chief nursing officers, chief financial officers, risk managers, quality management and safety directors.

Agenda

Friday, Oct. 2 and Friday, Oct. 16

8:00-8:30 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30-8:45 **Welcome**

8:45-9:45 **Electronic Medical Records:
What You Need to Know**

Dana McVey, senior director, risk management, Texas Hospital Insurance Exchange

Mitzi Ressmann, RN, FACHE, vice president, member services and business development, Texas Hospital Association

Implementing electronic medical records is a key component of the federal stimulus package. Get a closer look at what will be involved in meeting these requirements, and gain a better understanding of the risks and benefits of using electronic medical records.

9:45-10:45 **Health Care Employment Issues:
The Changing Landscape**

Craig Carter, attorney, Davis & Davis PC

What constitutes "wrongful termination," and how do you protect your hospital from claims from terminated employees? Don't miss this session which explores the current issues and trends in this and other health care employment issues.

10:45-11:00 **Refreshment Break**

11:00-12:30 p.m. **Inside the Dome: A Report from
the 2009 Legislative Session**

John Hawkins (Oct. 2), senior vice president, advocacy and public policy, Texas Hospital Association
Charles Bailey (Oct. 16), senior vice president/general counsel, Texas Hospital Association

Get an update on what happened – and what didn't – during the 81st state legislative session, one shaped by a recession and unexpected stimulus funds that equaled 20 percent of the state's general revenue budget.

12:30-1:30 **Lunch**

1:30-3:00 **Court Side: The Latest Legal Cases
and How They Could Impact You**

Brian Jackson, senior shareholder, Davis & Davis PC

Learn about recent court rulings and their impact on hospitals from this seasoned health law expert.

3:00-3:15 **Refreshment Break**

3:15-4:15 **Through the Case Files: A Review
of Recent Claims Cases**

Randal Wilkerson, vice president, claims, Texas Hospital Insurance Exchange

Benefit from the lessons learned in other hospitals in this session which will analyze several recent liability claims. Gain an understanding of what the hospital did well, not so well and why – and how can you reduce your own hospital's risk and avoid similar claims.

4:15 **Adjourn**



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Faculty

Charles Bailey is senior vice president/general counsel of the Texas Hospital Association in Austin. He joined THA in 1981, where his primary responsibilities include representing hospital interests before the Texas Legislature, Congress and state and federal regulatory agencies, and coordinating any court action pursued by the Association on behalf of its members.



Bailey received his bachelor of science degree in law enforcement and political science from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, and his law degree from The University of Houston. His professional affiliations include the State Bar of Texas, the American Health Lawyers Association, and the Health Care Compliance Association. He served on the Health Law Section Council of the State Bar for many years and was chair of the section in 1996-97.

Craig Carter is an attorney with Davis & Davis PC, based in Austin. His practice concentrates in employment and health law, including counseling of clients and litigation in these areas. He is board certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in the areas of labor and employment, health and civil trial law. He specializes in counseling and defending governmental and non-governmental health care providers in employment, medical staff and other health care-related areas.



He is a graduate of Texas Tech University and the Texas Tech University School of Law. He served as an assistant attorney general in Austin for a number of years before joining Davis & Davis in 2002.

John Hawkins is senior vice president of advocacy and public policy for the Texas Hospital Association in Austin. He manages THA's state advocacy efforts before the Legislature and regulatory agencies. Before joining THA, Hawkins served as a senior policy analyst for the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission where he managed the performance reviews of state agencies, including the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, the Texas Department of Human Services and the Interagency Council on Early Childhood Intervention. Hawkins served as a legislative aide in the House of Representatives for two sessions and staffed the Joint Committee on Workers' Compensation Insurance. He also was legislative liaison for the Texas Department of Information Resources for three sessions. In addition, Hawkins has served as executive director of the Texas Land & Mineral Owners Association. He holds a bachelor's in government and master's in public affairs from The University of Texas.



Brian Jackson is a senior shareholder with Davis & Davis PC, based in Austin. His practice concentrates in the area of health law, where he specializes in defending health care providers in medical malpractice cases, as well as advising hospitals on regulatory issues, contractual issues, reimbursement disputes and employment law. He has represented health care providers in medical malpractice



lawsuits in more than 75 counties across Texas. That representation includes hospitals, physicians, nurses, physical therapists, physicians' assistants, nurse practitioners, laboratory technicians, administrators and administrative staff. Jackson is a graduate of Abilene Christian University and The University of Houston School of Law. He practiced law in Dallas before joining Davis & Davis in 1991.

Dana McVey is senior director, risk management for the Texas Hospital Insurance Exchange in Austin. She began her career in health care as a medical technologist. She soon moved into administration, where she gained experience as laboratory director, assistant administrator and quality/risk management director for a wide variety of hospital types and sizes.



She earned a bachelor's degree in medical technology and is a certified professional in health care risk management from the American Hospital Association. In addition, she earned the health care risk manager certification from Fitch University in Chicago. She is a designated field safety representative from the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission and from the Texas Department of Insurance.

Mitzi Ressmann, RN, FACHE, is vice president of member services and business development for the Texas Hospital Association in Austin. There, she oversees the areas of membership, education, Patient Data System, project management and sponsorship/advertising.



Ressmann received her bachelor of science in nursing from The University of Texas School Of Nursing and master's in health administration for the University of Mary Hardin Baylor in Belton. She served in the U.S. Air Force from 1985-91, achieving the rank of captain. Prior to joining THA in 2001, Ressmann held leadership positions in a variety of health care settings including hospitals/health systems, home health and managed care, which gave her a unique understanding of the challenges nurses and hospitals face.

Randal Wilkerson is vice president, claims for the Texas Hospital Insurance Exchange in Austin. Wilkerson began his insurance career more than 25 years ago as a claims representative with Underwriters Adjusting Company, where he managed a wide variety of claims including auto, general liability and property and even assisted on one famous Texas Capitol fire in 1983. He gained his first insight into professional liability claims investigating a nursing home fatality case. In 1984 he joined Hartford Insurance as a senior claims representative managing complex liability and workers' compensation claims as well as pharmaceutical liability and litigation. In 1987 he joined a physician-owned professional liability carrier to manage physician professional liability claims in San Antonio. He joined THIE in 1991.



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For reservations: 940/779-4558
THIE room rate: \$116 Thursday, Oct. 1
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Room cut-off date: Sept. 1, 2009, based on availability
More details: www.thecliffsresort.com



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THIE room rate: \$112 Thursday – Saturday, Oct. 1-3
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