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**Legal Aspects of Nursing
Documentation: How Well
Would Your Documentation
Hold up in Court?**

Thursday, March 07, 2024
8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location:

Livestream Webinar

In affiliation with the Duke AHEC Program

Target Audience

RNs, LPNs, and any healthcare professional who performs patient documentation.

Program Description

This program will acquaint the learner with legal issues related to documentation in the practice of nursing. An overview of nursing law regarding practice and legal requirements of nursing documentation methods will be comprehensively addressed. Case studies of actual litigation containing examples of legally defensible documentation and legally indefensible documentation will be carefully examined.

Objectives

Upon completion of this program, participants will be able to:

- Identify common pitfalls in nursing documentation.
- Discuss strategies for writing concise, accurate nurses notes.
- Explore strategies for documenting defensively.
- Discuss how to document high-risk conversation and difficult situations.
- Compare and contrast different documentation methods.
- Recognize the legal implications of nursing documentation.

Speaker



Pam Collins, RN, MSN, CMSRN, RN-MEDSURG BC, NPD-BC has 40 years of varied nursing experiences that include administration/management, education, and work as an education and legal consultant. While Pam currently works as an Independent Consultant, she maintains her skills by working for a healthcare system in Charlotte, NC. Pam is dually certified in medical-surgical nursing from the American Nurses Credentialing Center and the Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses and is also certified in Nursing Professional Development. Pam has extensive experience with the legal aspects of nursing practice and has served as a consultant and expert witness for medical-surgical related cases involving nurses.

Pam's accomplishments include published author of articles, textbook chapters, and most recently, a medical-surgical nursing certification review book. She speaks nationally on clinical and legal topics for healthcare professionals. Pam has been the recipient of various awards, served as flight nurse in the United States Air Force Reserve, and past member of the advisory panel for the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Agenda

7:30 a.m.	Zoom Login
8 a.m.	Current Lawsuit Trends Common Pitfalls of Documentation Case Studies A Deposition
9:30 a.m.	Break
9:45 a.m.	Anatomy of a Nurses Note How to Write Legally Defensible Notes Examples of Effective/Ineffective Documentation
12 p.m.	Lunch
1 p.m.	How to Document... Physical assessments, Medications, Pain, Patient refusal, Symptoms, Patient Education, Falls, Discharge instructions, Nursing Interventions, Provider Notification and Other High-risk Situations

2:15 p.m.	Break
2:30 p.m.	Charting difficult situations/conversations Documentation strategies for Electronic Medical Records Effective Use of Flowsheets, and When Narrative Notes are Indicated
3:20 p.m.	Discussion & Adjourn

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