



# Department of Pathology Grand Rounds

## "Medical Legal Basics for Pathologists"

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### NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

The various methods used by risk managers to assist clinicians in handling medico legal risk, including improving communication with patients and better dealing with medical records issues, are not particularly of benefit to pathologist. An understanding of tort law, the theory of negligence, the principle of standard of care, and the role of the expert witness helps the pathologist generally assess and manage risk and put it into context with daily pathology practice. An understanding of the litigation process and techniques to better handle a deposition are of practical value in avoiding a lawsuit or increasing the likelihood for good outcome in medical malpractice litigation.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Recognize the legal origins of medical malpractice law;

- Understand the requirements for an appropriate medical malpractice lawsuit;
- Distinguish methods of successfully navigating a deposition.

### DESIGNATION STATEMENT

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