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NURSING SUMMIT 2010 “MOCK TRIAL AND BEYOND”

Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center (Catskill Hudson AHEC) will hold its 7th annual Nursing Summit on Thursday, August 12, 2010, on the campus of SUNY New Paltz in New Paltz, NY. The purpose of this program is to provide an educational forum for nurses, healthcare professionals, health professions/staff development educators, and students pertaining to issues of malpractice and negligence as well as to provide insight and updates of how to safeguard one's professional practice from risk and litigation.

This year's topics and speakers include:

- “Legal Exclusive: How to Avoid Daily Practice Risks” by *David Griffiths, Vice president of Nursing Services Organization and Kate Mager, Account Executive of Nursing Services Organization*
- “I’ve Been Sued! Now What?” by *Karen A. Butler, RN, BSN, JD of Thuillez, Ford, Gold, Butler and Young, LLP*
- “Mock Trial Simulation: You Be the Judge” by *Shawna Patrick, MS, RN, President, Nurses for Nursing*
- “Defensive Documentation: Nurses on the Front Line of Litigation” by *Ann Marie Parisi, RN, CLNC, Nightengale Legal Counseling*

In this program, attendees will:

- ✓ Hear key strategies of how you can lower your nursing practice risk in medication administration, documentation diagnosis and higher-risk specialties.
- ✓ Learn the steps you can take to maximize the chances of a successful defense of a malpractice suit.
- ✓ Serve as judge and jury in a mock trial simulation and will determine the verdict of a negligence case revolving around a patient admitted to the Intensive Care Unit.

- ✓ Learn about current legal issues that affect the nursing professional as a whole and see how documentation affects the outcome.

Catskill Hudson AHEC is a non-profit organization devoted to improving the quality, geographic distribution and retention of healthcare professionals and stimulating interest in health professions careers through education across its 11-county service area.

Registration for the Nursing Summit 2010 will end on August 5th. Please visit our website at www.chahec.org for additional information and/or to download the Nursing Summit brochure.

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