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

Friday
May 19, 2017
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wingate Hotel
4182 Sycamore Dairy Rd
Fayetteville, NC 28303
Target Audience
Licensed nurses, nurse educators/faculty, nursing students, and any healthcare professional who performs patient documentation.

Program Description
The purpose of the program is to comprehensively examine legal ramifications of patient documentation. This course will provide insight on strategies to help ensure that your documentation is effective and legally defensible. Specific content includes key sources of litigation for nurses/healthcare professionals, how medical records are interpreted/analyzed, how to document high-risk/difficult situations, and documentation methods such as Charting by Exception and electronic documentation. Additionally, further insight will be provided through case analysis and an eye-opening mock trial.

Outcome
Identify common pitfalls in nursing documentation and how to prevent these from becoming sources for potential litigation

Agenda
7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m.   Registration
8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.   Current Lawsuit Trends
                      Common Pitfalls of Documentation
                      Case Studies
                      The Trial
9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.  Break
9:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  Anatomy of a Nurse’s Note
                      How to Write Legally Defensible Notes
                      Examples of Effective/Ineffective Documentation
11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.  Lunch (on your own)
12:45 p.m. - 2 p.m.   How to Document …
                      Assessment findings, Medications, Pain,
                      Patient Refusals, Patient Symptoms, Patient Education, Falls
                      Discharge Instructions, Nursing Interventions, MD Notifications and Other
                      High-Risk Situations.
2 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.  Break
2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.  Charting Difficult Situations/Conversations
                      Strategies for Documentation Methods:
                      Traditional vs. Electronic Documentation
                      Effective use of Flowsheets
                      Charting by Exception: what this really means
3:45 p.m. - 4 p.m.  Wrap-up Discussion/Adjourn

Speaker
Pam Collins, MSN, RN-BC, CMSRN, Service line educator at CMC-Mercy Hospital, and Independent Nurse Consultant, Rock Hill, SC.

Fee
$145 if payment and registration is received by May 11, $155 thereafter.
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