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Course Title: Ethical Awareness 203

Sub-Title: The Law of Health Care Malpractice

Target Audience: OT/OTA

Course Length: 2 hours

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Educational Level: Introductory, Intermediate, Advanced

Course Objectives:

At the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- List the external and internal factors affecting the exposure to malpractice liability
- Describe the legal basis for imposing malpractice liability of a patient injury
- Define the concept of abandonment
- Outline the four elements needed to prove malpractice
- Compare and contrast ordinary negligence versus professional negligence
- Explain vicarious liability
- Summarize defenses to malpractice actions
- Describe the importance of patient care documentation

Outline of Content:

Hour #1

SIGNIFICANCE OF REPORTED LEGAL CASES
FACTORS INCREASING HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS'
MALPRACTICE LIABILITY EXPOSURE
LEGAL BASES FOR IMPOSING LIABILITY FOR PATIENT INJURY
Liability for Professional Negligence

Hour #2

Other Tort Bases for Malpractice Liability
Ordinary Negligence Incident to Health Care Delivery
Vicarious Liability for Others' Conduct
Defenses to Health Care Malpractice Actions
NATIONAL PRACTITIONER DATA BANK
PATIENT CARE DOCUMENTATION MANAGEMENT

Instructional Methods and Formats:

Online course available 24/7 at www.OnlineCE.com includes PDF downloadable course. See course formats for additional details.

Course Completion Requirements:

A minimum passing score of 100% is required for course completion. You will have as many attempts as needed until your passing score of 100% is achieved. Upon successful completion of course, you will receive your certificate of completion and AOTA eligible CEUs.

AOTA Classification Codes:

Category 1: Domain of OT

Category 2: Occupational Therapy Process

Category 3: Professional Issues

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