

**CLOSING REMARKS:** 4:40 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. - **J. Richard Ludgin, M.D., J.D., Member, AMC/NOMA Board of Directors**, Conference Wrap-up – “What can be done to affect change to benefit physicians and our patients?”

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

- 1) Identify the factors contributing to medical errors and describe their effect on patient safety issues
- 2) Explain why patients choose to file lawsuits and identify ways to reduce the risk of being sued
- 3) Cite legislative and regulatory initiatives that affect the practice of medicine and list ways to work towards legislative reform
- 4) Assess the overall professional liability environment and describe ways to rebalance healthcare liability to protect patients without compromising the health system's viability.

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**SAVING NORTHERN OHIO  
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**MARCH 26, 2004 - 9:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

**HILTON CLEVELAND SOUTH - 6200  
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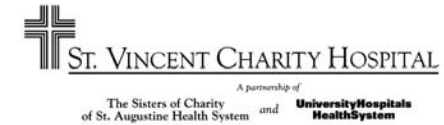
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**A seminar co-sponsored by the  
Academy of Medicine of  
Cleveland/Northern Ohio Medical  
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Cleveland Academy of Osteopathic  
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Charity Hospital**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2004 –  
HILTON CLEVELAND SOUTH**

*This seminar will be open to everyone interested in health care – physicians, medical office staff, hospital executives and staff. The medical liability problem is multi-faceted – and this symposium is meant to provide physicians and the public with information on providing for politically practical, legal and ethical solutions to the liability crisis and improve the future of the practice of medicine for physicians and the patients they serve.*

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. –  
**REGISTRATION**

9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. – **OPENING**  
**REMARKS**

**James Lane, M.D., President, Academy of Medicine of Cleveland/Northern Ohio Medical Association (AMC/NOMA)** and

**George Thomas, D.O., Past President of Cleveland Academy of Osteopathic Medicine (CAOM) and President-Elect of the American Osteopathic Association.**

“Effect of medical liability crisis on the practice of medicine in Northern Ohio.”

9:50 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – *PANEL DISCUSSION* – **MEDICAL LIABILITY AND PHYSICIAN DISCIPLINE – EFFECT ON PHYSICIANS AND PATIENTS**

9:50 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. – **Mr. David Martin, President, The Premium Group** – “Overview of the current medical liability insurance market and trends for the future.”

10:10 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. – **Ms. Ann Womer-Benjamin, J.D., Director of the Ohio Department of Insurance**, “Ohio Department of Insurance initiatives relative to medical liability insurance and physicians in Ohio.”

10:35 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. - **Mr. Tom Dilling, Executive Director of the State Medical Board of Ohio** – “Physician Discipline in Ohio now and in the future”

11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. - **William Seitz, Jr., M.D. President-Elect, AMC/NOMA** – “The effects of professional liability insurance on physician distribution and access to care.”

11:20 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – **Question and Answer – Entire Panel**

11:30 A.M. – 12:15 P.M. – **LUNCH**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:**

12:15 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. - **Jeff Pariser, J.D., Executive Director of The Common Good** – “Elements of a system of medical justice.”

12:50 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – **Question and Answer**

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. - **David Studdert, Ph.D., J.D., Associate Professor of Law & Public Health, Harvard School of Public Health** - “Patient Safety and the Medical Liability System.”

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – **Question and Answer**

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. – **BREAK**

2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. - **Gerald Hickson, M.D., Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, Director, Vanderbilt Center for Patient and Professional Advocacy** – “Why patients sue.”

3:00 p.m.– 3:15 p.m. – **Question and Answer**

3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – **STATE LEGISLATION PRESENTATION**

3:15 p.m – 3:30 p.m. - **Ms. Carolyn Towner, Towner Policy Group, Columbus, Ohio and AMC/NOMA Lobbyist** – “How to get your legislative message across to the right people.”

3:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. - **John A. Bastulli, M.D. Vice President of Legislative Affairs, AMC/NOMA** – “Update on local/statewide legislative efforts on medical liability.”

3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – **Question and Answer**

4:00 p.m. – 4:40 p.m. – **FEDERAL LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY ISSUES**

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. - **The Honorable George V. Voinovich, United States Senator** – “Federal medical liability reform initiatives and regulatory issues.”

4:15 p.m. – 4:40 p.m. **Mr. Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services** – “How regulations affect patient care and the physician practice.”