Defending a Medical Malpractice Case

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Goal/Purpose
This activity is designed to give physicians a context to anticipate the impact of a legal claim so that, if a claim does arise, the physician can react appropriately and know what to expect. It focuses on the three phases of a legal claim: the pursuit notice period, the life of a lawsuit, and trial. And, because legal claims invoke the issue of insurance, this guide initially attempts to familiarize physicians with the nature of a medical malpractice insurance policy.

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

1. Examine the elements of a malpractice claim.
2. Identify common malpractice theories.
3. Examine the evaluation and litigation process.

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