Legal Aspects of Nursing Documentation

How Well Would Your Documentation Hold Up in Court?

• Lawsuit Trends
• Common Pitfalls of Documentation
• Anatomy of a Nurses Note
• Documenting Nursing Interventions
• Charting Difficult Situations and Conversations
• Legal Perils of Specific Documentation Methods

Presenter
Pam Collins, MSN, CMSRN, RN-BC

March 24, 2017 (Friday)
7:30 am – 4:00 pm
Registration: 7:30 am
Program: 8:00 am

Heart Center Auditorium
101 East Wood St.
Spartanburg Medical Center
Spartanburg, SC
PROGRAM OUTLINE
Lawsuit Trends
- High risk area, characteristics of patients most likely to sue, characteristics of nurses most likely to be sued, predominant source of litigation for nurses.

Common Pitfalls of Documentation
- Timing, breaks in policy/procedure, charting inconsistencies, incomplete/inaccurate documentation, patient monitoring.

Anatomy of a Nurses Note
- How to write concise legally defensible notes, essential components of sound documentation, importance of proper grammar/sentence structure (how to write what you intend to convey); how your words/notes may be interpreted in court.

Documenting Nursing Interventions
- Common mistakes made when documenting physical assessment, pain, discharge instructions, patient education.

Charting Difficult Situations and Conversations
- Patient refusals, difficult conversations with physicians and other team members, patients who leave Against Medical Advice, delegation, collaboration between Healthcare Team members, co-signing, terms/words to avoid.

Legal Perils of Specific Documentation Methods
- Charting by Exception, Flow Sheets, Electronic (Electronic Medical Record) versus Traditional Documentation, Narrative Notes.

In addition, you will learn what attorneys look for in your documentation as well as experience an eye-opening Mock Trial that simulates what it would be like to be in the position of having to defend your documentation.

SPEAKER
Pam Collins, MSN, CMSRN, RN-BC
Pam has over 30 years of varied nursing experiences that include Staff nurse, Administration, Nursing Faculty and currently Education/Medical–Legal Nurse Consultant. She has extensive experience with Medical-Legal work to include assisting attorneys with Medical Malpractice Cases that involve nurses.

Pam speaks nationally on clinical and legal topics for the healthcare professionals and considers it a privilege to share her expertise. Her passion for education is evident through her energy, presentation style and ability to engage the audience.

LOCATION
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Spartanburg, SC 29303 Phone: (864) 560-6000

DIRECTIONS
From Greenville on I-85, take exit 69 to business 85. Then take Exit 5-A (I-85 / Pine St.) toward downtown Spartanburg. Go approximately 2 miles to first stoplight. Turn right onto McCravy Drive. Go a short distance to next stoplight. Turn right onto Wood St. Go up the hill. Spartanburg Regional is on the left and the parking garage is on the right. Take the walkway on the 3rd floor to go to the hospital. Stop by the lobby information desk and ask for direction to Heart Center Auditorium

From Charlotte on I-85, take exit 77 to Business 85. Then take exit 5-A (I-85 / Pine St.) and follow the above directions to the hospital.

From 1 – 26 (east from Asheville or west from Columbia), take exit 19B to Business 85 going north. Then take exit 5-A (I-85 / Pine St) and follow the above directions to the hospital.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
Fee includes on-line handout materials, lunch, refreshments and certificate of attendance. Limited to 75 Attendees.

Deadline for registration is March 10. There is a $25.00 additional fee for registration postmarked/received after the deadline.

Cancellation
No refunds but substitutions are accepted.

No confirmation will be sent but you may call (864) 560-6282, Option 2 to confirm your registration. SRHS reserves the right to cancel this workshop if necessary. If we cancel, full registration fee will be refunded.

Online Registration: www.spartanburgregional.com/CEEvents

On-line Registration CLOSES on March 10, 2017

REGISTRATION FEES
____ $75.00
____ $60.00 SRHS Associates
____ $45.00 Retired Nurses and FT Undergraduate Students
____ $25.00 Additional fee after March 10

PAYMENT METHOD
A. ___ Check - amount enclosed: $____
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Registration with credit card payment may be faxed to (864) 560-7440 or call (864) 560 -6282, Option 2.