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CRITTENDEN MEDICAL Liability Conference

April 15-17, 2026 | Hyatt Regency | Savannah, GA

The Crittenden Medical Liability Conference is a multi-day live event ideal for liability insurance professionals.

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- 3-day event
- 20+ educational sessions
- 62+ speakers
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- Networking opportunities
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“The content of the sessions make Crittenden a must-attend for anyone in the medical liability field. From the underwriting side, hearing feedback from risk managers and legal teams was thought-provoking.”

— VP, Professional Lines, Tango Specialty

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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

April 15-17, 2026

Day 1 April 15

10:00am
Registration Opens

1:00 - 2:15pm
Opening Reception

New and returning attendees are welcome to the Opening Reception, designed to help first-time participants network, connect with others and ease into the conference in a welcoming atmosphere.

2:30 - 3:30pm

RISK TRACK

The risk manager's blind spot: Clinical exposures that undermine coverage

A focused look at how clinical exposures can create unseen coverage risks, and what risk managers can do about them.

Moderator: Catherine Jones, CEO, Risk Transitions Healthcare Risk Management Company, LLC

Lisa Turman, Senior Clinical Risk Manager, Grady Health System

Erica Ladler, Risk Manager, Joseph M. Cleland Atlanta VA Medical Center

David Ferrainolo, Founder and Attorney, Ferrainolo Allen

CLAIMS/LEGAL TRACK

Bad faith and medical liability: Avoiding large verdict pitfalls

Rising nuclear verdicts have increased scrutiny of settlement decisions in medical malpractice cases. Attorneys and claims leaders examine bad faith exposure, how professional liability differs from other lines, and key legal developments to watch.

Moderator: Daniel Huff, Founding Partner, Huff Powell Bailey, LLC
Joseph Sheahan, National Claims Division Manager, MedPro Group
Tanya Springman, VP, Head of Healthcare Liability Claims, QBE North America

3:45 - 5:00pm

OPENING KEYNOTE

Hot topics and emerging risks in medical professional liability

Industry leaders from claims, underwriting and clinical practice examine the key trends reshaping medical professional liability, from social inflation and nuclear verdicts to evolving care models and regulatory change.

Moderator: Graham Billingham, Chief Medical Officer, MedPro

Tim Zawacki, Principal Research Analyst, S&P Global Market

Brant Poling, Attorney, Poling Law

Paul Greves, Senior Director, Healthcare Risk Solutions, Markel Specialty



5:00 - 6:30pm

Cocktail & Networking Party

Join us for a relaxed evening with tasty cocktails, delicious bites and fantastic networking opportunities. It's the perfect chance to connect in a social setting and enjoy a fun-filled atmosphere before getting dinner.

Day 2 April 16



8:30 - 9:30am

Farm-to-Table breakfast buffet

9:00 - 10:00am

RISK TRACK

SAM safety: Profile of a highly protective health system

Using real-world assessments, this session examines how leading health systems identify and address sexual abuse and molestation risks, and where unexpected gaps often emerge.

Moderator: Bob Allen, President, Pro-Praxis

Madison Edwards, Executive Vice President of Clinical Risk Services, OmniSure

“Lots of great practical info and great speakers...you come away smarter and better prepared to deal with medical liability issues!”

— System Vice President, Deputy General Counsel & Chief Risk Officer, OhioHealth

CLAIMS/LEGAL TRACK

When to try, when to settle: Avoiding the pitfalls of undervaluing medical claims

Undervaluing medical claims can lead to costly surprises at trial. This session explores how and why it happens, how to recognize the warning signs, and when settlement may be the better path.

Moderator: Ben Newman, Mediator & Arbitrator, Newman ADR

Dominique Bartholet, Mediator, Bartholet Mediation

Marcie Stacks, Division Manager Hospitals Excess/Reinsurance

-Professional Liability, MedPro

Joseph Menello, Partner, Wicker Smith

UNDERWRITING TRACK

Virtual care, real risk: The evolving underwriter's view of telemedicine

This session explores how telemedicine is reshaping medical liability risk from an underwriting perspective, with a focus on emerging claim trends, regulatory challenges and practical approaches to assessing virtual care exposure.

Moderator: Mandy Murphy, Executive Underwriter, Team Lead, Admiral Insurance Group

Julia Soda, VP & Segment Lead, Medical Facilities Underwriting, TDC Specialty

Mary-Lynn Ryan, Senior Risk Management Consultant, ProAssurance

10:15 - 11:15am

RISK TRACK

Patient portals: The benefits and legal risks

Patient portals improve access and communication, but they also introduce legal and liability risks. This session examines common exposure areas, from messaging and response times to documentation and data security.

Moderator: Gina Kittek, System Director, Risk Management & Corporate Compliance, United Health Services

Melissa Dziak, Shareholder, Marshall Dennehey

Robert Alrich, III, Shareholder, Marshall Dennehey



CLAIMS/LEGAL TRACK

Trial tactics: Meeting emotion with emotion in medical liability cases

Moderator: Drew Graham, Partner, Hall Booth Smith, P.C.
Suzanne Blundi, President, MMC Risk Consultants
Courtney Koch, Head of Excell and Healthcare Claims, Tokio Marine
Linda Fulop-Slaughter, VP and Head of Healthcare Claims, Sompco
Dan Phillips, Managing Director, Marsh

UNDERWRITING TRACK

Navigating jurisdictional impact on sexual abuse insurance in healthcare

A panel discussion on how jurisdictional differences across the U.S. affect sexual abuse insurance coverage, underwriting decisions and risk management for healthcare organizations operating in multiple states.

Moderator: Ben Accardo, Underwriting Manager | US Safeguard – Beazley

Candace Collins, Global Safeguarding Managing Director, Gallagher
Michelle Foster Earle, President and CEO, OmniSure

11:30 – 12:30pm

RISK TRACK

Current trends in medical malpractice driving alternative risk growth

This session examines the medical malpractice trends driving growth in alternative risk strategies, including rising claim severity, technology-related exposure and a hardening insurance market.

Moderator: John Upright, Senior Vice President, Healthcare Practice Leader, Lockton Companies

Gina Kittek, System Director, Risk Management & Corporate Compliance, United Health Services

Nita Blevens, Division Vice President, Insurance Administration, ScionHealth

Lisa Wall, Executive Consultant, Lockton Alternative Risk Solutions

CLAIMS/LEGAL TRACK

Litigation funding in medical liability: Rising costs, emerging solutions

As litigation funding expands in medical liability, this session explores its impact on claim duration, settlement dynamics and defense costs, along with emerging strategies to manage the risk.

Moderator: Mario Giannettino, Partner, Kaufman Borgeest & Ryan LLP
Remi Stone, Director of Government Relations, The Doctors Company
Bill Bowers, Senior Vice President - Director of Healthcare, Gallagher Bassett

UNDERWRITING TRACK

Pricing risk in the modern era: Data, metrics and market forces shaping underwriting

Actuaries and underwriters are balancing new data sources with shifting market forces. This session explores the metrics, trends and pressures influencing pricing models and decisions in medical professional liability.

Moderator: Brian Kern, Principal, OneDigital

Amanda McHale, Vice President of International Underwriting, Coverys

Dr. Marc Granson, Founder and Chief Quality Officer, SurgeonCheck

12:45 - 2:15pm

Networking Luncheon

Join fellow attendees for lunch and informal networking with peers across the medical professional liability industry. Serving a Southern Pride lunch buffet.



2:30 - 3:30pm

RISK TRACK

Home care and hospital-at-home: Expanding care, expanding risk

This session explores how home-based and hospital-at-home models are expanding medical liability exposure, with practical insight into identifying and managing emerging risks outside traditional care settings.

Moderator: Hala Helm, Managing Director and Strategic Healthcare Risk Advisor, Marsh

Randall Jenkins, President, Healthcare Education Insurance Company (HEIC), Clinical Associate Professor, University of Florida

Tatum O'Sullivan, Healthcare Loss Control Expert, Munich Re

RISK TRACK

Importance of teamwork and psychological safety in preventing medical errors

Effective teamwork and a culture of psychological safety play a critical role in preventing medical errors. This session examines how these factors influence outcomes and reduce liability risk.

Moderator: Michael Krasner, Co-Chief Medical Officer Vice President of Education, Manager for EmPRO Insurance Company

Sarah Smithson, Co-founder and CEO, Relational Leadership Partners

Stefanie Simmons, Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes Foundation

Douglas Shaw, Vice President, Risk Management and Insurance, RWJBarnabas Health

UNDERWRITING TRACK

Legislation with potential to change the landscape

An overview of key legislative proposals that could alter the medical liability landscape.

Moderator: Elizabeth Healy, Vice President, Government and Community Relations, The Doctors Company

Marc Crow, Senior Director of Government Affairs, MLMIC Insurance Company, a Berkshire Hathaway company

3:45 - 4:45pm

RISK TRACK

Don't lose big insuring weight loss: The insurance implications of increased GLP-1 use across patient populations

As GLP-1 use expands beyond diabetes, insurers face growing uncertainty around medical risk, claims trends and potential mass tort exposure. This session explores what underwriters and claims professionals need to know.

Moderator: Jennifer Schoenthal, Head of Digital Health for HudsonPro, Hudson Insurance Group

Kyle Laudadio, Healthcare & Life Sciences Practice Leader, CFC

CLAIMS/LEGAL TRACK

Building the successful defense team: Beyond trial counsel

Using de-identified cases, this session explores how coordinated defense teams manage high-value medical liability claims, including early motion strategy, damages evaluation, mediation and trial considerations.

Moderator: Christine Samuels, Vice President Claims, Berkley Healthcare

Rich Henderson, Senior Vice President, Trans Re

Avraham Schwartz, Vice President, Deputy Counsel, Northwell Health

Lori Semlies, Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP

Caryn Lilling, Partner Mauro, Lilling Naparty LLP

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Day 3 April 17



8:00am
Southern Sunrise breakfast buffet

8:30 – 9:45am

CLOSING KEYNOTE

Politics and public policy: Critical healthcare updates

An overview of the political and public policy updates most likely to impact healthcare operations and medical liability in the year ahead.

*Moderator: Michelle Foster Earle, President and CEO, OmniSure
Remi Stone, Director of Government Relations, The Doctors Company*



10:00 - 11:00am

RISK TRACK

Private police forces in healthcare: Security vs. liability

With more hospitals establishing private police departments, this session explores the balance between enhanced security and increased liability, including civil rights exposure and specialized insurance needs.

*Moderator: Mike Midgley, Head of Loss Control, Munich Re Specialty – North America
Drew Neckar, Principal Consultant, COSECURE Enterprise Risk Solutions
Audrey Greening, Chief Broking Officer, Aon
Tim Davidson, Managing Consultant, AON Global Healthcare Consulting Practice*

CLAIMS/LEGAL TRACK

One size does not fit all: Navigating malpractice claims across FTCA, hospitals, practice groups, and individual providers

This session examines the unique challenges of managing malpractice claims across different insureds, including FTCA entities, hospitals, group practices and individual physicians.

*Moderator: Cynthia Robinson, Partner, Heidell, Pittoni, Murphy & Bach, LLP
Tim Shea, Chief Claims Officer, EmPRO
Margaret Weiss, Assistant Vice President, Professional Liability Claims & Litigation, Healthcare Risk Advisors*



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