



Speaker Bio



Sharon Beckwith
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Sharon Beckwith has more than 20 years of leadership experience. Ms. Beckwith has cultivated a unique combination of experience in executive management as well as extensive expertise in the area of physician peer review and medical staff management, working daily with hospital clients to understand and meet their medical staff, quality improvement, risk management and peer review challenges. Ms. Beckwith is a regular speaker at state medical staff service associations and was a 2020 NAMSS speaker. She is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Recent Presentation Topics

The Aging /Late Career Physician

Medical professionals experience the physical and cognitive decline that affects all humans and sometimes will practice longer than they should. Existing peer review processes may be inadequate, and mandatory retirement ages are unfair and unscientific. But policies mandating practical screening at a specific age are legal — and they strike a fair balance of patient safety, organizational liability and provider dignity.

Precautionary suspension: *A valuable pause button*

Of all the challenges facing medical executive committee members, some of the most difficult may involve the timely management of a provider suspected of having competence or conduct issues. Precautionary suspension temporarily limits privileges prior to completion of a professional review action but does not mandate any disciplinary action.

We will discuss the differences between precautionary and summary suspensions as well as other approaches that may be used to address concerns with a provider's care.

This session is co-presented with Don Lefkowitz, MD, Medical Director.

What to do with an external peer review report

Peer review is recognized and accepted as a means of promoting professionalism and maintaining trust. The peer review process is intended to balance physicians' right to exercise medical judgment freely with the obligation to do so wisely and temperately. After external review – what to do with the report? Fairness is essential in all disciplinary or other hearings where the reputation, professional status, or livelihood of the physician may be adversely affected. Includes discussion of opportunities for intervention ranging from FPPE to proctoring agreement to revocation of privileges and fair hearing.

OPPE/FPPE – Peer Review: How, When and Why

One of the most important governing functions of a hospital's medical staff is to ensure that physicians practicing in the hospital are clinically competent and behave professionally. This is accomplished through the credentialing and re-credentialing process. FPPE and OPPE are essential elements of credentialing and re-credentialing. Review the purpose behind OPPE/ FPPE, the joint commission requirement to perform this type of review. We will also review the challenges associated with OPPE/ FPPE and review sample data to track.

Peer Review Case studies

Explore the experience of navigating the process of peer review by reviewing four unique and interesting peer review case studies. We will discuss the identification of the need for review, the need to send the cases for external review, review of the peer review findings, presentation at peer review committees, medical executive committees, formulation of professional improvement plan and in one case, the restriction of privileges.

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