

Speaker Guide

RISK MANAGEMENT WITH PURPOSE

Protecting Patients,
Healthcare Professionals,
and Hospitals



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Overview

Purpose-driven risk management is the foundation for safer care, strong organizations, and better outcomes for patients, healthcare professionals, and hospitals. Healthcare and legal experts will be sharing their knowledge, sources, and tools to support healthcare professionals and organizations in reducing risk and liability exposure.

Speakers

Thursday, September 17th

John Riggi

National Advisor for Cybersecurity and Risk, AHA

John Riggi, a highly decorated 28-year veteran of the FBI, serves as the first national advisor for cybersecurity and risk for the American Hospital Association (AHA) and its 5,000-plus member hospitals. [Read more](#)



Adam Chaddock, JD

Partner, Quinn Johnston

After obtaining his JD from the University of Illinois, Adam Chaddock joined Quinn Johnston's Peoria office. His practice is entirely devoted to the defense of civil litigation with an emphasis on defending physicians, nurses, and hospitals in medical malpractice cases. [Read more](#)

Tammy Gamrat, RN, BS, CPHRM

Senior Risk Management Consultant, IRMS

Tammy joined IRMS in 2001 as a risk management consultant. She has a well-rounded background in hospital-based risk management, infection control, and staff education, as well as emergency, obstetrical, medical-surgical, critical care, office practice, and correctional nursing. She is a respected resource and presenter for topics related to healthcare risk and mitigation thereof.

Tammy has been a Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management since 2001. She received her Bachelor's degree in Physiology from Southern Illinois University—Carbondale, and her nursing diploma from Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing, Evansville IN.



Jillian Book, JD

Senior Claims & Litigation Supervisor, IRMS

Jillian joined IHA in June 2024, after just shy of 18 years spent as a practicing defense attorney in the fields of medical malpractice, long-term care, and premises liability. She currently oversees claims for hospitals and long-term care facilities within the Illinois Provider Trust, physicians insured by Medical Alliance Insurance Company, and provides oversight and support for self-insure hospitals under Illinois Risk Management Services. Jill obtained her undergraduate degree in criminal and social justice from Lewis University in Romeoville in 2003. She then attended law school at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota and has been a licensed attorney in Illinois since 2006.



Allan Abinoja, JD

Assistant General Counsel, Illinois Health and Hospital Association

Allan Abinoja is currently Staff Attorney at the Illinois Health and Hospital Association, where he assists the Association and its members on a wide variety of legal matters, including corporate compliance and governance, legislation and advocacy, contractual work, and insurance law. Mr. Abinoja has spent the majority of his legal career working in the public sector, first with the Illinois Attorney General's Office, then with the Illinois Department of Public Health, and finally with the Chicago Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. While with the state and federal government, he became intimately familiar with the laws and regulations affecting Illinois healthcare entities, including the Social Security Act, the Illinois Nursing Home Care Act and Hospital Licensing Act, and HIPAA. While at IDPH, Mr. Abinoja also served as Ethics Officer to IDPH and all of its advisory boards and commissions. He began his career as a litigation associate at both a large and mid-sized Chicago law firm.

Sara C. Miller, MS, CPHQ

Senior Vice President, Med-IQ

Sara Miller is the Senior Vice President at Med-IQ, where she blends strategic leadership with a genuine passion for improving the way healthcare is delivered. Over her 17 years with the organization, she has helped shape Med-IQ's vision for advancing patient safety, clinician education, and innovative learning solutions across the healthcare ecosystem. Sara's work is driven by a belief that education can meaningfully transform patient care. She leads long-term strategy and day-to-day operations, overseeing teams across medical education, digital learning, sales, marketing, and client services. Her leadership style emphasizes collaboration, curiosity, and continual learning—qualities that have guided her in forging strong partnerships with healthcare systems, medical professional liability insurers, professional societies, and advocacy organizations. What motivates Sara most is seeing knowledge turn into measurable improvement. She is known for championing programs that are not only data-driven, but human-centered—designed to support clinicians in doing what they do best: delivering safe, effective, compassionate care. Whether she's leading a new strategic initiative or mentoring a cross-functional team, she brings energy, empathy, and a commitment to making healthcare better for patients and providers alike. Outside of her executive responsibilities, Sara is fueled by a deep appreciation for continuous improvement and the people who make healthcare work. Her career reflects a simple, steadfast goal: to help create a learning environment that supports meaningful change and empowers those within the system to thrive.



Joseph C.F. Willuweit, JD

Attorney, Monahan Law Group, LLC

Joseph Willuweit joined Monahan Law Group, LLC on a full-time basis on November 11, 2016.

Joe concentrates his practice in mental health law, risk management, health care law including professional licensure, and guardianship. In his practice, he represents providers of every size from hospitals to community agencies, private practices, and individual practitioners in matters relating to inpatient and outpatient behavioral health services. [Read more](#)

Speakers



Brian Anderson, MD

President and Chief Executive Officer, The Coalition for Healthcare AI (CHI)

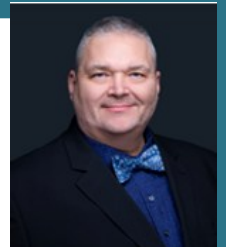
Prior to leading CHAI, Dr. Anderson was the Chief Digital Health Physician at MITRE, where he led research and development efforts across major strategic initiatives in digital health alongside industry partners and the US Government. [Read more](#)

Friday, September 19th

Josh Hyatt, DHS, ME, MHL, DFASHRM, CPHRM, CPPS, HEC-C

Director of Consulting, Healthcare, Praesidium

Josh received his Master of Bioethics from Harvard Medical School in 2021; Doctor of Health Science from Nova Southeastern University in 2014; Master of Health Law from Nova Southeastern University in 2005. Currently he is working in healthcare consultation regarding sexual abuse prevention of vulnerable patients in healthcare institutions. His area of bioethics specialty is the intersection of ethics, healthcare risk management, and patient safety. He is well published and is on the editorial Board of the Journal of Hospital Ethics and the AMA Journal of Ethics.



Linda Habibi, JD, MBA, CPHRM

Director, Patient Safety & Risk Management, Lahey Hospital & Medical Center

Linda started her career in medical malpractice defense litigation at a large law firm in St. Louis, MO. After several years in practice, Linda pivoted career paths into healthcare risk management due to a growing interest in patient safety and the strong connections with her clients: the hospital risk professionals.

After leaving the practice of law, Linda built her career in healthcare, serving in risk management, patient safety, and regulatory compliance roles across multiple acute care hospitals. She currently serves as the Director of Patient Safety, Risk Management, and Patient Relations at Lahey Clinic in Burlington Massachusetts.

Linda is passionate about adult learning and professional development, which she fuels as a faculty member for ASHRM's HRM Essentials Program. She frequently presents for ASHRM, state and regional risk management societies, nursing schools, and other professional audiences. Linda is actively involved at the national, regional, and local regional levels. She serves as a Board Member for the Massachusetts Society for Healthcare Risk Management (MSHRM) and as Chair of the Steering Committee for the 2027 New England Regional Healthcare Risk Management Conference. In recognition of her contributions to the field, Linda received the ASHRM Risk Star Award in 2024.

Linda holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Missouri, a Juris Doctorate from Saint Louis University, and a Master of Business Administration from Boston University. She is also a Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management (CPHRM), a Certified Professional in Patient Safety (CPS), and a Fellow of ASHRM (FASHRM).