Safety/Malpractice Program

Overview for the
Hospital Committee of the
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Organizational Components

- Safety - Medical Center
- Claims Management - Legal Affairs
- University Risk - University Administration
  - Insurance Product
- Medical Service Plan – College of Medicine
- Action Group – Multidisciplinary Management Group
Organizational Process

- Clinical Event Misadventure => Occurrence
- Occurrence => Evaluation by Safety
  - Root Cause Analysis
  - Safety Improvements
  - Full Disclosure if “clear error”
- Potentially Compensable Event => Claims
  - Evaluates the potential/sets reserves
  - Assigns claim/suit to outside legal counsel
  - Gets outside medical opinions to evaluate the case
Process

• Claims => Action Group

• Action Group Recommendation => Claims
  • Immediate Settlement within approval limits
  • To Board for recommendation & discussion of whether to pursue trial or settlement
    • If Trial: Outside Counsel, supervised by Claims
    • If Settlement: Settlement Negotiations initiated; if reach agreement within acceptable range, matter returns to Board for approval
Claims Data

Document #2: Health System Malpractice Lawsuits

Number of Lawsuits

Fiscal Year

University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago
Verdict Results since 2007

Defense verdicts = 12
Plaintiff verdicts = 2

Total ask of jury in defense verdict cases: $61,735,368
Total of last settlement demands: $27,215,000

Total paid by University Self Insurance Plan: $4,952,394