

SPEAKER'S BUREAU

As the nation's only single-specialty professional liability insurance carrier dedicated exclusively to the practice of anesthesiology, Preferred Physicians Medical (PPM) is committed to the promotion of anesthesia patient safety. PPM is an active participant in a number of anesthesia-specific efforts, including the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Closed Claims Project, the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation (APSF) and the Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research (FAER). In addition to providing on-site risk management seminars for our own policyholders, PPM's in-house attorneys are available to speak at anesthesia society meetings and share valuable anesthesia-specific risk management strategies and advice gleaned from over 32 years of handling anesthesia adverse outcomes and malpractice litigation files.

PPM's in-house attorneys have been guest speakers for numerous national, regional and state anesthesia societies and other health care organizations, including:

- ASA Annual Meeting
- APSF Fall Conference
- American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiology Annual Meeting
- Arizona Society of Anesthesiologists Annual Scientific Meeting
- Colorado Society of Anesthesiologists Quarterly Meeting
- Idaho Society of Anesthesiologists Annual Meeting
- Missouri Society of Anesthesiologists Annual Meeting
- New Hampshire Society of Anesthesiologists Annual Meeting
- Washington State Society of Anesthesiologists Annual Fall Meeting
- Wyoming Society of Anesthesiologists Annual Meeting
- Brown University's Annual Anesthesia Conference
- Johns Hopkins Residency Training Program
- MGMA Annual Anesthesia Conference
- Midwest Anesthesia Residents Conference
- New York State Association of Nurse Anesthetists
- Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiology
- Society of Pediatric Anesthesiologists
- Southern New England Society of Anesthesiology
- Advanced Institute for Anesthesia Billing and Practice Management
- Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care University of Chicago

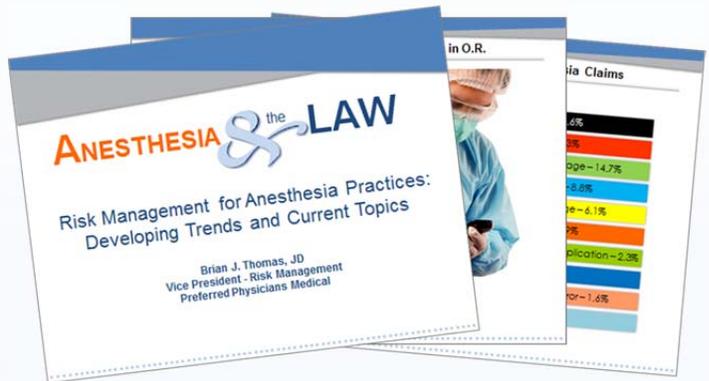
TOPICS

Recent presentations have addressed preventable anesthesia adverse events, including:

- Distractions in the O.R. from the use of personal electronic devices (PEDs)
- Infections from the re-use of single-dose vials on multiple patients
- Hepatitis C infections from failure to properly secure narcotics in the O.R.
- Falls from the O.R. or procedure table

Other topics focus on identifying litigation trends and implementing risk reduction strategies and protocols designed to improve patient safety and reduce adverse anesthesia outcomes. Frequent topics include:

- Informed consent
- O.R. fire prevention and management
- Substance abuse and physician impairment
- Vaginal birth after Cesarean
- Wrong site surgery and blocks
- Obstructive sleep apnea
- Dental injury
- Top Ten Anesthesia Claims



RISK MANAGEMENT IN ACTION

Beginning in 2002, PPM embarked on an aggressive on-site risk management program designed to reduce the number of preventable anesthetic adverse events. As of 2019, PPM's in-house attorneys have conducted over 450 on-site risk management seminars across the country. PPM's in-house attorneys have honed their anesthesia expertise using a substantial database of loss outcomes information based on our investigation and analysis of over 14,500 adverse anesthesia events. PPM's in-house attorneys utilize this database to identify areas of risk, monitor developing loss trends, and provide practical, anesthesia-specific risk management advice and patient safety strategies.

PPM's live risk management seminars have been designated for *AMA PRA 1 Category Credit™* CME. The *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* system has become the CME standard for licensing boards and specialty organizations nationwide and is recognized by all U.S. jurisdictions. Thirty-nine states/territories will accept the AMA PRA certificate or the AMA approved PRA application as proof of having met the CME requirements for licensure, simplifying the medical re-licensure process. The approved AMA PRA application also meets Joint Commission CME reporting requirements in connection with a hospital's accreditation process.

SPEAKERS

Wade D. Willard, JD **President and Chief Operating Officer**

Wade joined PPM in 1997 and was promoted to Senior Claims Attorney in 2000. In 2008, Wade assumed responsibility of the Claims Department as the Claims Department Supervisor and was promoted to Vice President-Claims in 2010. In November 2017, Wade assumed responsibility as PPM's President and Chief Operating Officer. Wade has held various roles of increasing responsibility at PPM. In addition to overseeing the Claims Department, Wade has been a member of the PPM's executive management team and has considerable experience helping guide the company's operational activities and business success. Wade is also a regular speaker at national and state anesthesia society meetings and conducts on-site risk management seminars for PPM policyholders.

Wade is a graduate of Washburn University School of Law. Prior to joining Preferred Physicians Medical in 1997, he clerked for the Kansas Medical Society and Kansas Medical Mutual Insurance Company.

Tracey Dujakovich, JD **Senior Claims Attorney**

Tracey joined PPM in 2010. Tracey is responsible for handling a wide range of high severity cases in the eastern United States. As a Senior Claims Attorney, Tracey is responsible for the overall strategy and day-to-day management of litigation files, including directing settlement negotiations and attending trials. Tracey is also very active in PPM's risk management program conducting on-site risk management seminars. Prior to joining PPM, Tracey managed multi-specialty medical negligence claims for five years with the Illinois State Medical Insurance Exchange. Tracey also worked in private practice for five years defending general liability and medical negligence lawsuits.

Tracey is a 1991 graduate of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

Paul Lefebvre, JD **Senior Claims Attorney**

Paul joined PPM in 2018. As Senior Claims Attorney, Paul manages moderate and high severity claim and litigation files. He is also involved in PPM's risk management program conducting on-site seminars and serving as a resource for policyholders.

Paul is a 2010 graduate of Saint Louis University Law School, where he attained certificates in health law and clinical health care ethics. Prior to joining PPM, Paul served as General Counsel for the Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts.

Brian J. Thomas, JD **Vice President, Risk Management**

Brian joined PPM in 1999 and was promoted to Senior Claims Attorney in 2001. In 2008, Brian assumed additional responsibilities as Director of Risk Management and was promoted to Vice President-Risk Management in 2015. With over twenty-five years of insurance industry experience, Brian has focused the past nineteen years exclusively on providing risk management services to anesthesia providers and defending high severity medical negligence litigation. Brian is also the Editor-In-Chief of PPM's flagship risk management newsletter, *Anesthesia & the Law*.

Brian has conducted over 220 live risk management seminars for anesthesia practices, national, regional and state medical societies and other health care organizations. He has also published on risk management issues in several prominent publications, including national and state anesthesia journals such as the *ASA Newsletter*, *APSF Newsletter*, *Communique* and *Scope*, and a medical textbook chapter in Faust's *Anesthesiology Review*, 5th Ed.

Brian is a 1995 graduate of Washburn University School of Law. Prior to joining PPM, Brian served as in-house counsel to a national insurance company and several of its wholly-owned subsidiary companies where his duties included the management and supervision of claims and litigation.

Danon E. Williamson, JD **Claims Attorney**

Danon joined PPM in 2016. Danon manages claims and litigation in over 20 states. As with all of PPM's in-house attorneys, Danon's responsibilities are focused exclusively on medicolegal issues affecting the practice of anesthesia. Danon also conducts on-site risk management seminars and provides real-time risk management guidance and advice to PPM's insureds. Prior to joining PPM, Danon was an Analyst in the Compliance Department of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City.

Danon is a 2015 graduate of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law (UMKC). While at UMKC, Danon was the Vice President of the Health Law Society and Program Editor of the Law Review.

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