



**Regulation of Medical Professionals:
Innovations in Regulation, Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety**

**Presented by the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and
Common Good Colorado**

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Association, Colorado Coalition for Patient Safety, Colorado Medical Society, and
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8:00AM – 5:00PM

**The Moot Court Room
Sturm College of Law, University of Denver
2255 East Evans Ave., Denver, CO 80208**

Healthcare operates in a complex legal environment. Patient safety and healthcare quality are strongly affected by the impact that environment has on providers and medical professionals. Some find it helpful; some find it forbidding; others say that rules and procedures crafted in the past impede medicine's own efforts at quality improvement.

Of the two major areas of health law – liability for errors, and professional regulation – regulation is the less studied and the less understood. It is nonetheless significant in its effects on quality and safety.

This Symposium takes a candid look at medical regulation, now and in the future. It brings together international, national and Colorado experts to discuss innovations in medical regulation and their potential for improving quality and safety. The day includes ample opportunities for those attending to participate in the discussion, and to contribute to these pragmatic questions: If we could improve the regulatory environment of health care, what would those improvements be, and what would it take for us to achieve them?

There is no charge for admission, but registration is necessary. For early registration to assure a place at the symposium, please contact Kristin Schneider at KSchneider@cgood.org or 303.871.6269. Please be sure to include your name, email address and mailing address when registering.

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- 8:00** Continental Breakfast for Speakers and Participants
- 8:30** Introductions: *Edward A. Dauer*, Dean Emeritus of the Sturm College of Law and President, Common Good Colorado
- 8:45** The Opportunities Ahead: *Dr. Richard May*
- 9:00** The Medical Perspective: Law, Regulation, and Medicine's Efforts to Achieve Quality of Care. *James Dreisbach, MD*, Board of Directors, COPIC Insurance Company & *Bruce Baird, MD*, Past President, Swedish Medical Center.
- 9:45** Q&A / Discussion
- 10:00** *Dr. Randy Bovbjerg*, The Urban Institute: Case Study Assessments of State Medical Boards – Accessing the Past and Planning for the Future.
- 10:30** Q&A / Discussion
- 10:50** Morning Break
- 11:10** *David Swankin*, President, Citizen Advocacy Center: "Moving From REACTIVE to PROACTIVE Regulation of Physicians: The PREP 4 Patient Safety Program as a Model."
- 11:40** Q & A / Discussion
- 12:00** Luncheon
- 1:30** *Dr. James Thompson*, President and CEO, Federation of State Medical Boards: "Patient Safety: The Evolving Role of State Medical Boards."
- 2:00** Q & A / Discussion
- 2:20** *Dr. Marie Bismark*, Buddle Findlay (New Zealand) "Balancing the Three-Legged Stool: Compensation, Accountability, and Patient Safety in New Zealand"
- 3:00** Q & A / Discussion
- 3:20** Afternoon Break
- 3:40** Getting There From Here: Reforming the Dialogue About Medico-Legal Reform. A panel moderated by *Edward A. Dauer*. Panelists: *Paul Barringer*, General Counsel, Common Good; *George Dikeou*, COPIC Insurance Company; *Alfred Gilchrist*, Colorado Medical Society; *Susan Miller*, Colorado Board of Medical Examiners; *Gerald P. McDermott*, McDermott Hansen & McLaughlin.
- 5:00** Adjourn.