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2017 PIAA International Conference to Convene in London, October 4-6

Leaders from medical liability insurance companies and indemnifiers, legal professionals, reinsurers and reinsurance brokers, healthcare providers, and many others from around the world to meet and discuss most pressing issues.

Rockville, MD (May 4, 2017) – PIAA, the leading international association representing the medical and healthcare professional liability (MPL/HPL) insurance and indemnifier community, today issued a reminder that its 2017 International Conference will take place on October 4-6, 2017, at the Grange St. Paul’s Hotel in London. The Conference, which is open to the public, is the preeminent international educational and networking event for every stakeholder in medical and healthcare liability.

“We are pleased to invite all medical and healthcare liability professionals to London for the 2017 PIAA International Conference,” said PIAA President and CEO Brian K. Atchinson. “This event provides participants from around the world with a unique opportunity to gain invaluable insights on the global and day-to-day issues of common concern to every organization involved in medical and healthcare liability. Find out what has—and hasn’t—worked and why, from colleagues with in-depth experience in different healthcare systems.”

Atchinson noted that those who work in MPL/HPL are now confronting a new set of challenges, as the transformation of healthcare continues at an unprecedented pace around the world. “This unique gathering will help attendees find pragmatic solutions for optimizing performance in these rapidly evolving times,” he said.

A keynote speaker for the Conference is Derek Feeley, President and CEO of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, an independent, not for profit organization which innovates, convenes, and partners to achieve results in improving health and healthcare worldwide. Mr. Feeley will offer his global perspective on healthcare improvement and how this aligns with the new paradigms emerging in medicine and medical liability.

An additional keynote address will be provided by Dr. James Bagian, Director of the Center for Healthcare Engineering and Patient Safety, Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology and the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan, and former NASA astronaut. Using his extensive experience in the fields of human factors and aviation as a backdrop, Dr. Bagian will discuss the role of patient safety in medicine and liability.

Understanding high-value claims is a major concern for physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals, hospitals, health systems, and MPL/HPL insurers and indemnifiers. An international panel will provide attendees with the critical intelligence they need to understand these risks better, and take proactive steps to minimize such claims.

The conference will also feature a session on risk mitigation and the link to litigation. Expert speakers will explore new paradigms and changing patient expectations, the latest global patient safety initiatives and the outcomes of such initiatives, and how escalating hospital indemnity costs in the U.K. are being addressed.
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The conference is co-hosted by PIAA members The Medical Defense Union (MDU) and the Medical Protection Society (MPS). MDU is a leading medical defense organization in the U.K. that has supported doctors for more than 130 years and has a membership in excess of 200,000. MPS is one of the world’s leading protection organizations for healthcare professionals and protects and supports the interests of more than 300,000 members around the world.

For more information about the 2017 PIAA International Conference, or to register online, go to www.piaa2017.com.

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