

FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE

July 10 – 11, 2019

Columbus, Ohio

The Federal Tort Claims Act University (FTCAU): An innovative training conference offered to members of the health center community. FTCAU provides a great opportunity for seasoned quality and risk management professionals and new professionals to learn from experts, leaders, and government officials about FTCA, healthcare quality and risk management, and related subjects. Over the course of two days, attendees will participate in interactive presentations and exercises that are specially geared toward health center grantees in Ohio and surrounding states.

Day 1

7:30am – 8:30am

Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30am - 8:45am

Opening Remarks

8:45am - 10:00am

Site Visit Preparation

10:00am - 10:15am

Break

10:15am - 11:30pm

Infection Control and Prevention

11:30pm - 12:30pm

Lunch

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Risk Management

1:30pm - 1:45pm

Break

1:45pm - 2:45pm

Emergency Management

2:45pm - 3:00pm

Break

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Identifying and Addressing
Clinical Burnout

4:00pm – 4:15pm

Questions & Answers/ Closing Remarks

Day 2

8:00am - 8:30am

Continental Breakfast

8:30am - 9:45am

Claims Management

9:45am - 10:00am

Break

10:00am – 11:30am

Malpractice/Claims and Risk
Management

11:30am - 12:30am

Lunch

12:30am - 2:00pm

Telehealth

2:00pm - 2:15pm

Break

2:15pm - 3:15pm

Communication/Continuum of Care

3:15pm - 4:15pm

Informal Questions & Answers/Closing
Remarks

** Agenda subject to change*



Enroll In FTCAU

Today!

If you are a health center grantee in Ohio and surrounding states, enroll to learn from experts in their fields. FTCAU will offer an interactive learning environment on the following topics:

- ✓ FTCA
- ✓ Healthcare Quality
- ✓ Risk Management
- ✓ Claims Management
- ✓ Patient Safety

Who Should

Attend?

- Quality Improvement Coordinators
- Risk Managers
- Patient Safety Administrators
- Clinicians
- Board Members

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Day 1

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Registration & Continental breakfast
8:30 am - 8:45 am	Opening Remarks
8:45 am - 10:00 am	Session: FTCA Site Visit Preparation Speaker: Christopher Gibbs, JD, MPH Summary: HRSA may conduct an FTCA site visit at any point during the FTCA application review process and/or as part of its oversight responsibilities relative to the FTCA program. The primary focus of the site visits program aligns with the main parts of the annual FTCA application. This session will help participants understand factors that might prompt a site visit, site visit overview, and identify key elements of the site visit requirements. This session will also focus on preparation for pre- site visit actions, during the site visit and post site visit activities. By the end of the session, participants will be able to recall and identify key concepts to prepare for a successful site visit.
10:00 am - 10:15 am	Break
10:15 am - 11:30 pm	Session: Infection Control and Prevention: CDC Guide to Infection Prevention for Health Centers Speaker: Marika C. Mohr, MS, BSN, RN, CIC, CPH Summary: This segment will cover the importance of oversight, responsibility of infection prevention and control in outpatient care. Along with examples of recent outbreaks and breaches in outpatient settings, which include medication handling, safe injection practices, medical instrument processing, and common gaps in themes. Best practices that will also be covered are injection safety, medication preparation, medical instrument reprocessing, outbreak detection and management, and patient notification.
11:30 pm - 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Session: Risk Management 101: Foundations in Clinical Risk Management & Safety Speaker: Cara Wzorek, MA, CPASRM, MWC Summary: This session will provide attendees who are new to the field or as a refresher for seasoned risk managers on topics such as conducting risk assessments, ensuring that all health center staff receive risk management training, and reporting risk management information to the board. Sample tools, resources, and dashboards will be provided.
1:30 pm - 1:45 pm	Break
1:45 pm – 2:45 pm	Session: Emergency Management Speaker: Tener Goodwin Veenema, PhD, MPH, MS, RN Summary: This session will cover recent disasters, public health emergencies and the burden on federally funded community health care centers. Including current challenges for preparedness and response to 21 st Century threats to public health. Strategies will be provided to enhance community health center surge capacity to improve population health outcomes. We will also go over rules and regulations impacting federally funded community health care center emergency preparedness. Lastly, we will cover the characteristics of an effective disaster/emergency response along with the health care provider (HCP) roles and responsibilities in disasters and public health emergencies.
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Session: Identifying and Addressing Clinician Burnout Speaker: Carlye Hendershot, MSN, RN, CPPS, CPHRM Summary: Research indicates that “engagement” of health care employees, their work environments, and colleagues increase their own sense of well-being and improves patient safety and satisfaction measures. The interactive scenarios in this presentation will be used to identify and address clinician burnout among staff, which can impact issues such as employee absenteeism. This in turn can directly affect delivery of patient care, and litigation risk. Strategies for encouraging good communication practices and keeping staff engaged will be covered.
4:00 pm - 4:15 pm	Questions and Answers/Closing Remarks

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8:00 am – 8:30 am

Sign in & Continental Breakfast

8:30 am – 9:45 am

Session: Claims Management

Speaker: Mary Christofferson, Esq., Office of the General Counsel (OGC)

Summary: A Department of Justice representative will provide an overview of the uniform procedure for handling claims against Federally Qualified Health Centers. This informative session will enhance knowledge of the Federal Tort Claims Process for Deemed Funded Health Centers. Topics covered will include an overview of claim filings, required documents for premature lawsuits, claims disposition, and other considerations within the litigation process.

9:45 am – 10:00 am

Break

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Session: Malpractice/Claims and Risk Management: Behavioral Health, OB, Dental, and Other Ancillary Services

Speaker: David A. Levin, Esq.

Summary: This session will focus on why patients file malpractice suits, what type of claims patients file, and how to improve medical practice to lessen the chances of being involved in a lawsuit. Patterns and trends in high payout claims for OB and other specialties will be discussed, along with actions the health center can implement to prevent recurrence and enable a stronger case in the event of a claim.

11:30 am – 12:30 am

Lunch

12:30 am – 2:00 pm

Session: Telehealth

Speaker: Dale Alverson, MD

Summary: This session will discuss the different terms of Telemedicine, Telehealth, and eHealth. It will also discuss in detail the realities of a telehealth program, as well as, the setting up of a telehealth program and management as it relates to the health center program. The attendees should be able to walk away with the ability to identify best practices and tools to establish a high functioning telehealth program.

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Break

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm

Session: Communication/Continuum of Care

Speaker: Ellen Deutsch, MD, MS, FACS, FAAP

Summary: This session will focus on learning about the fundamental elements of effective communication in healthcare delivery. Including how to improve communication with patients and various healthcare team members both within and outside their health clinic.

3:15 pm - 4:15 pm

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Christopher Gibbs, JD, MPH

Christopher Gibbs attended Cornell University, where he majored in Human Development with a focus on Psychopathology. He attended Yale University, where he received a Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Administration. He also attended the University of Wisconsin School of Law and focused on International Negotiations. Chris has completed externships in dental, thoracic surgery, maxillofacial surgery, and psychiatrics at various hospitals in New York City, such as Cornell Medical and Mount Sinai Hospitals. He clerked for the Wisconsin Supreme Court, acted as advisor to Wisconsin State Senator Lena C Tayler and was a legal advisor at the Wisconsin Aids Network. Christopher has worked with HRSA for 8 years, and has acted as an Analyst, Senior Analyst, and is currently the Team lead of the FTCA Deeming and compliance team.



Ellen S. Deutsch, MD, MS,
FACS, FAAP

Dr. Ellen Deutsch serves as Medical Director of the ECRI Institute Clinical Risk Management Program as well as the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority. She is also a Senior Scientist at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. She practiced as a Pediatric Otolaryngologist in the Philadelphia area for 20 years before becoming the Director of PeriOperative Simulation at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. Deutsch received her MD from the University of Maryland and completed a residency in Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Maryland, a fellowship in Pediatric Otolaryngology at Children's National Medical Center, and a Master's degree in Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety at Northwestern University. Dr. Deutsch has authored more than 40 peer reviewed articles and more than 60 peer-reviewed chapters, editorials, and reviews. She has given more than 80 invited lectures. She has successfully developed innovative educational programs that leverage emerging technologies, such as simulation, to improve the skills and judgment of individuals and teams, and to enhance patient safety, provider satisfaction, healthcare quality, organizational resilience, and healthcare delivery systems.



Tener Goodwin Veenema,
PhD, MPH, MS, RN

Professor of Nursing and Public Health at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. As an internationally recognized expert in disaster nursing and public health emergency preparedness, she has served as senior scientist to the DHHS Office of Human Services Emergency Preparedness and Response (OHSEPR), Department of Homeland Security, Veterans Affairs Emergency Management Evaluation Center (VEMEC), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). An accomplished disaster researcher, Dr. Veenema has sustained career funding over 2.2 million dollars, is a member of the American Red Cross National Scientific Advisory Board and is an elected Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, the National Academies of Practice, and the Royal College of Surgeons, Faculty of Nursing & Midwifery, Dublin, Ireland.

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Dale Alverson MD

Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics and Regents Professor on faculty at the University of New Mexico, School of Medicine. From 1995 through 2018, he has been the Medical Director of the Center for Telehealth at the University of New Mexico, Health Sciences Center and now serves as their strategic telehealth consultant. In these roles, he has been involved in the planning, implementation, research and evaluation of Telemedicine systems for New Mexico, primarily serving its rural communities using information technologies, videoconferencing and the internet to provide access to clinical services and health education. In 2007, the UNM Center for Telehealth was given the American Telemedicine Association (ATA) President's Institutional Award for its efforts in advancing telehealth locally, nationally, and internationally. He was the Project Coordinator of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Rural Health Care Pilot Program; Southwest Telehealth Access Grid, serving New Mexico, Arizona and the Southwest IHS Area Offices, funded at \$15.5 million designed to expand broad-band connectivity for telehealth and health information exchange. He is a founder and prior chairman on the Board of the New Mexico Telehealth Alliance that provides a platform for public-private collaboration and formation of a Telehealth network of networks in the state. He is also Chief Medical Informatics Officer of LCF Research assisting in their efforts to address the development and meaningful use of health information exchange, adoption of electronic health records, and integration with telemedicine. Nationally, he is Past President of ATA and a member of their College of Fellows. He is a founder and prior chairman of the Four Corners Telehealth Consortium addressing regional interstate coordination between Arizona, Colorado, Utah and New Mexico and assisted in forming the ATA Interstate Special Interest Group developed to address the use of telehealth between states. He has been involved in several ongoing international collaborative telehealth initiatives including Latin America, such as with Ecuador, Argentina, Chile, and other countries such as India, Nepal, Ukraine, Iran, Korea, and several countries in Africa.



David Levin, Esq.

David Levin is a founding member of Wharton Levin Ehrmantraut & Klein, P.A. He has extensive expertise in complex medical cases and is the lead counsel for the major medical malpractice insurer in the State of Maryland. Mr. Levin has tried over 250 cases to verdict. Mr. Levin also has represented many of the major hospitals based in Maryland and District of Columbia, and has been counsel to Holy Cross Hospital, a division of Trinity Health, for over 30 years. Mr. Levin is a past president of the Maryland Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates and has been a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He has been selected by his peers to be listed in the Best Lawyers in America since 1995, and has been voted one of the top 50 attorneys in Maryland by Super Lawyers every year since 2007.



Cara Wzorek, MA,
CPASRM, MWC

Cara Wzorek is program manager for ambulatory risk management services at ECRI Institute and editor of the *Physician Practice Risk Management System*. She has been with ECRI Institute's Patient Safety, Risk, and Quality team for more than 14 years, the last seven of which have been working with programs in support of health centers and free clinics on behalf of HRSA. As part of that program, Ms. Wzorek leads development of ECRI Institute's webinars, toolkits, guidance documents, and outreach to federally qualified health centers, providing evidence-based recommendations for improving patient safety and reducing risk to providers in FQHCs. She has written and spoken on a wide variety of topics, ranging from test tracking and follow-up to drug diversion and workplace violence prevention. Ms. Wzorek holds a Master's degree from Temple University (Philadelphia, PA); she is also a certified professional in aging services risk management (CPASRM) and medical writer certified™ (MWC).

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Carlye Hendershot,
MSN, RN, CPPS,
CPHRM

Carlye Hendershot joined ECRI Institute in 2017 as a Patient Safety, Risk, and Quality analyst and consultant, focusing on support of ambulatory risk management services for federally qualified health centers and free clinics on behalf of HRSA. Ms. Hendershot came to ECRI with varied and extensive clinical, medical-legal and patient safety/risk management experience. She practiced as an RN and Family Nurse Practitioner for 15 years, including acute and ambulatory care settings and nursing home surveying. For the past decade, Ms. Hendershot has focused on medical-legal, patient safety and risk management consulting and education. She worked as a Risk Management and Patient Safety Consultant for a medical malpractice insurer, which included on-site risk assessments, consulting, and individualized education for several hundred ambulatory care medical practices of various sizes and specialties. She also served as an in-house Legal Nurse Consultant for a mid-size defense-focused law firm, providing collaborative support to attorneys during all phases of medical malpractice and healthcare compliance-related litigation. Ms. Hendershot has presented extensively to diverse audiences throughout the U.S. on clinical, medical-legal, risk management and patient safety topics. She holds certifications in Healthcare Risk Management (CPHRM) and Patient Safety (CPPS) and is a member of several professional organizations, including American Society of Professionals in Patient Safety and American Society of Healthcare Risk Management, as well as previously serving on the Professional Development and Legislative Committees for the North Carolina chapter of the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management.

Mary Christofferson,
Esq.

(Office of the General
Counsel)

Mary Christofferson is an attorney in the Claims and Employment Law Branch of the General Law Division. Before re-joining GLD as a staff attorney in 2014, Mary was a contractor for HRSA reviewing and assisting in revising Free Clinic applications as well as redeeming applications submitted by Community Health Centers seeking Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) coverage under the Federally Supported Community Health Centers Assistance Act (FSCHCAA) beginning in 2007. Previously, she was a staff attorney with GLD from 1999 to 2004. Mary focuses on tort cases involving the FTCA, FSCHAA, Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, as well as TOUHY requests. Mary is admitted to the New York Bar and received her law degree from Albany Law School in upstate New York.



Marika C. Mohr, MS,
BSN, RN, CIC, CPH

Marika Mohr is a nurse-epidemiologist at The Ohio Department of Health. Her passion is investigating outbreaks of all types especially healthcare-associated infections (HAIs for short). Her goal is to put myself out of a job which will happen when facilities that she has worked with are awesome at prevention infections. If she had lived one hundred years ago, she would have walked from town to town beating a bass drum and sonorously proclaiming, "Wash your hands, Boom, Boom, Wash your hands". Since this isn't a hundred years ago, she drives around in a little green car, inoculating facilities with Glo-Germ, and shine black lights on healthcare workers' hands. Today, she hope to motivate everyone in healthcare, from the administrator to the environmental services technician, to do the right thing and prevent infections. No one should go to a healthcare facility and come out sicker than they arrived.