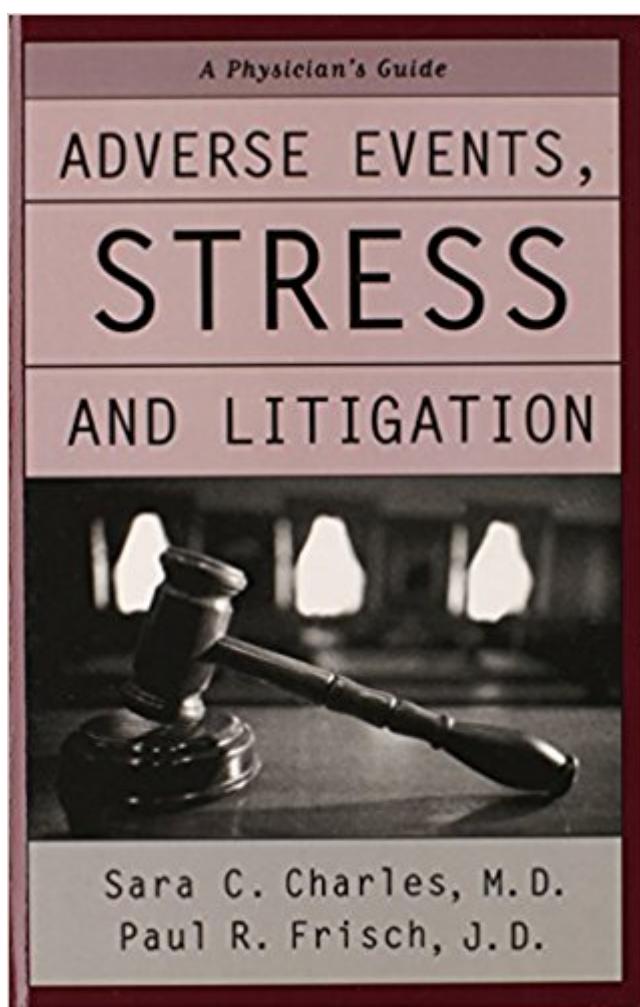


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# Adverse Events, Stress, And Litigation: A Physician's Guide



## **Synopsis**

What is it like to be sued for medical malpractice? Bad medical outcomes traumatize patients but they also traumatize physicians. The litigation that often follows is a profoundly human, rather than just a legal experience. Although every physician's case is different, this book shows how each case goes through the same judicial stages of complaint, discovery, depositions, motions, and delays that lead to trial, settlement, or being dropped. It also gives doctors an understanding of how lawyers think and work to help defendants. Written by a physician and a lawyer, the book provides unique insights - through real-life stories - into the personal experience of litigation as well as recommendations for dealing with each of the legal process. It also includes up-to-date reviews of HIPAA legislation, the controversial subject of disclosure, and recent developments in the law affecting medical practitioners. Only about thirty percent of plaintiffs win their cases against doctors, but the journey from bedside to witness stand tests both the personal character and the professional skills of those accused. This well-documented book will help doctors understand and navigate the legal system while honoring their own ideals and emerging changed but stronger from the experience.

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"This book is the ultimate resource for physicians facing litigation...excellent case histories."--Doody's Book Review Service "The book educates physicians about the legal steps they can expect and provides information on how lawyers think and work to help defendants. The book

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All doctors must have it even if never have a litigation experience because it describes so good the whole process even from doctor's point of view!

Pedantic, unsupportive, casual about a serious and inflamed issue.What about recourse?

I have never owned an actual bread product before but since I have started making my own bread, none of the knives I had were long enough to do a good job so I ordered this one. It is amazing. It's long enough for any loaf you may need it for and absolutely no difficulty is creating a smooth, even slice of bread. I would recommend it to anyone who is thinking of getting a good bread product. suit for this price . my family need it , great, so good .

Adverse Events, Stress and Litigation: A Physician's Guide was recommended to me by my daughter in pre-med. As an emergency physician with 30 years of experience in healthcare, I found this book a welcome addition to my continuing medical education. The authors provide an in depth synopsis of a topic which is fraught with anxiety for all physicians, medical malpractice. The book's unique strength lies in both content and format, setting it apart from other literature on the same topic. What it is NOT, is a sterile, didactic review on medical litigation. Rather, it walks the reader through the mine field of a claim or suit. It shines a light through the fog that is the legal process (and the associated attorney jargon) inherent in this stressful situation. Further, it provides the reader with tools to successfully navigate the system. Real life examples are integrated throughout, adding interest and even comfort. Every physician and physician-to-be should include this in their mandatory reading. I was surprised to find hope and solace in a book that is thoroughly informative

and relevant. I highly recommend it.

Adverse Events, Stress & Litigation, A Physician's Guide, is the latest contribution by a pair of professionals who have spent the last three decades shedding light on a previously unmentioned subject. Sara Charles, MD and Paul Frisch, JD partnered to provide the most comprehensive and thoughtful review of this complex topic. This book explores adverse events and provides practical tips on how to disclose unexpected occurrences to the patient and/or family. The authors skillfully corroborated to provide the reader with a clear understanding of the litigation process. Numerous caveats are included that will assist defendants as they deal with the demands of litigation. To further add to this well-written text, numerous poignant case vignettes are provided. This book provides the reader with advise, guidance and insights not found in any other resource and should not only be a part of every health-care practitioner's library, but at the fingertips of every physician dealing with the litigation process. Thanks to Sara Charles and Paul Frisch for this timely, well-written and thoughtful contribution.

As a pre-med student I found this book incredibly informative. It provides a balanced and unique perspective on a very important issue. The use of real life situations makes the book both poignant and approachable to the lay person or professional. Every pre-medical, medical student and resident should read this book in preparation for their career. It adds depth and scope to ones understanding of the importance of patient safety, quality of care, and risk management. This book not only can help one avoid liability but can also provide a guide through the difficult and often foreign legal system surrounding medical malpractice.

I'm preparing a paper on Physicians in the Complaint process in Canada. The author has a lot of experience in the U.S. system , much of which is relevant to us,especially the advice to doctors about coping with this trauma. The authors other papers are helpful and I wanted this book for reference

Sophomoric pleading of control freak doctor who believes that trying to perform is proof enough for protecting doctors from negligence. Incredible lack of accountability and responsibility when tragic errors occur that have lasting consequences for the patient. The stress is from failing to address the difference between what you meant to accomplish and what becomes known as an adverse event.

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