

Risk Matters: Obstetrics Risks



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Obstetrics is a very rewarding field of medicine that celebrates the beginning of life and the joy of parenthood, but it's also a field fraught with complex challenges and, at times, devastating outcomes. At its best, obstetrics exemplifies the compassion, expertise, and dedication of healthcare professionals. However, like any area of medicine, it is not without risks. One of the most distressing and heart-wrenching events for an obstetrician is the impairment or death of a newborn. While this can and does occur without medical error, when negligence is involved, it poses a significant challenge for the practitioner and the defense.

SVMIC has added a new obstetrics program entitled, "[Obstetrics – Lessons from a Defense Attorney's View](#)," to our online courses. The purpose of this program is to discuss a difficult and crucial issue: medical malpractice in obstetrics. The program delves into the complexities, seeking to understand some of the most common causes, consequences, and most importantly, solutions that will not only improve patient safety,

but reduce the likelihood of a malpractice claim or lawsuit.

Our speaker, Mr. Tom Wiseman, is an experienced defense attorney who has practiced law for over 35 years. His practice focuses on medical malpractice defense, including the defense of birth injuries during labor and delivery. In this course, Mr. Wiseman discusses the primary obstacles he has encountered that can affect the successful defense of an obstetrics malpractice case from a defense attorney's perspective and, specifically, the key areas that will likely be the focus at trial.

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