Health Issues Discussion Group

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Health Issues Discussion Topics

- Scope of practice
- Dual registration in professions
- Emerging or new professions
- Influence of new technology on practice
- Healthcare records
- Reciprocity or recognition of qualifications
- Impaired Practitioners - California, Oregon

Scope of practice

- How defined? E.g. - Podiatry - how far up the leg? Optometry - Glaucoma? Chiropractors?
- State laws/Board rules? - Canadian model - list specific acts?
- Institution/employer policies?
- Role of insurance/Medicare?
  - FL Zero Tolerance example - terminated from Medicare/Medicaid - you’re out
- Role of professional organizations
Dual registration in professions

- Multi-jurisdictional--
- Multi-license (more than one profession)
- Telepractice?
- Where are the boundaries, and how diffuse should they be?
- What are possible solutions for adjoining states or countries?

Emerging or new professions

- Naturopaths, homeopaths?
- Traditional Chinese Medicine?
- Physician Assistants in Canada?
- Unregulated providers?
- Medical Home Model & its implications
- Increased home care - home dialysis - regulatory implications?

Influence of new technology on practice

- Internet
- Online applications
- EMR - the Electronic Medical Record
- IPIP - Improving Performance in Practice - Practice Audit
- Medical Home model
- Pay for performance
Healthcare records

- EMR
- HIPPA
- VA Department of Health Professions!
- Health practitioner monitoring
- Inter-organizational sharing/access

Reciprocity or recognition of qualifications

- Interstate - what about telepractice?
- Inter-country - EU requirements?
- Driver’s license model
- Are you asking the right question?
  - Ever had:
    - __ an allegation of professional misconduct?
    - __ a charge?
    - __ a conviction? a disciplinary action?
    - by/from:
      __ a regulatory agency?
      __ another jurisdiction?
      __ another licensing Board?

Impaired Practitioners

- California
- Oregon
- How do you balance the needs of the practitioner versus public protection?
- How can you best ensure the program is working?