

Peer Review Process: Linking to Credentialing & Re-credentialing

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Credentialing, privileging, and peer review of the privileges performed are the core functions of the medical staff that cannot be delegated. Malpractice, slander, and anti-trust have transformed a professional duty and honor into an often meaningless exercise designed to do nothing. Recent court cases, combined with an aggressive plaintiff's bar eager to demonstrate negligent credentialing, demands that healthcare organizations nurture an informed and empowered medical staff to not only do the basics, but champion performance improvement.

Part I – Introduction to the Basics: Credentialing & Privileging

- Review how structure can eliminate wasteful and bureaucratic practices
- Develop privileging criteria for patient services, not physician specialties
- Describe how credentialing guidelines protect physicians and patients
- Explain the advantages and disadvantages of “laundry list” vs “Core + Block” privileging

Part II – Making it Meaningful: Focus on the Patient

- List common problem areas of the peer process
- Explain the ideal external review policy
- Describe two uses of external review to protect the medical staff and Board from legal entanglement
- Discuss a “typical” data set for re-privileging
- Use Performance Improvement projects to escape the “ignore” vs. “end-a-career” dilemma