

July 1, 2008

RISK MANAGEMENT EDUCATION

The University Of Texas System Professional Medical Liability Benefit Plan

All physicians and dentists (faculty, fellows, and residents) covered by the UT System Professional Medical Liability Benefit Plan (Plan) are required to complete five (5) hours of Risk Management Education (RME) each year as a condition of coverage.

To meet this requirement, physicians may take online courses provided by UT or faculty physicians may participate in other risk management events and activities. Department coordinators can provide information about these additional activities as well as other institution-specific requirements.

About the on-line course:

- Education in Legal Medicine (ELM) Exchange, Inc., is the vendor selected by UT System to offer this course.
- ELM's editorial board members are primarily physicians who are also attorneys.
- Courses use actual cases to teach physicians to identify and manage medical-legal risk.
- Each course is worth 1.75 hours credit.
- New users must complete a specialty-specific Standard of Care unit worth 1 hour. Any excess credit earned will not roll over into the new year.
- Once the specialty-specific Standard of Care course has been taken, physicians may select courses from the menu offered in subsequent years.
- Credits earned through the on-line courses qualify for continuing medical education (CME) credit.

To access the courses:

- Logon to <http://ut.elmexchange.com/cc>
- Users new to ELM will receive their PLI ID number from their department RME coordinator along with a temporary password of "elm123" which will then require the creation of a personal password.
- Users that have previously logged on to ELM prior to July 1, 2008 and have already completed courses should enter their username that was previously created (usually an email address) and password.

For assistance:

- If you need general assistance, contact your department coordinator.
- If you are having difficulty with login or course issues, contact ELM at elmsupport@elmexchange.com.
- If you have any questions or comments specifically for UT System, such as RME requirements, contact Robert Buckingham at The University of Texas System, 512-499-4477 or email at rbuckingham@utsystem.edu.