



WHAT ARE THE MEDICAL LEGAL RISKS OF A CRUISE SHIP DOCTOR?

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8-9AM and 4-5PM... What kind of job is that?

- Don't be fooled by the hours – its not "The Love Boat"!

WHAT DOES A CRUISE SHIP DOCTOR ACTUALLY DO?

- Passengers / Crew / Disaster Drills / Code Blue
- On Call / Only officer that ship can't leave port without
- Medical Emergency Protocol
- Medical Clinic and Staff Support
- Key factors in a good cruise experience versus bad

WHAT MEDICAL LEGAL DECISIONS ARE MADE DAILY?

- Personal Emergencies I've had over the years (appendicitis, heart attacks, cardiac arrests, thrombolytics, subdurals, sewed an ear back on)
- When do you kick someone off the ship for medical reasons/impact on family and friends
- Helicopter Evacuations
- Pandemic Outbreaks: E. Coli / Norwalk Virus

WHAT LAWSUITS HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST CRUISE DOCTORS?

- Brief Case History
- Lawsuit examples

ANY "LOVE BOAT" QUESTIONS / DUTY TO
DINE WITH PASSENGERS?