

# Frontiers in Pain Management

*19th Annual Meeting of the Alliance of State Pain Initiatives*



## General Session IV

*June L. Dahl Lectureship*

Saturday, November 1, 2008

8:00 am - 9:00 am

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### Pain and Legal Issues

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This lecture will review and analyze the current medico-legal platform in the United States for lawsuits involving prescribing practitioners and pain management practice owners. Attendees will learn stakeholder perspectives, signs and symptoms of a balance problem, and a framework for using this information to improve pain initiatives and policy.

At the conclusion of the session, participants should be able to:

- design best practices criteria relating to key medico-legal issues in pain initiatives and policies, and use the same in future educational efforts and resources
- integrate common legal concerns into innovative educational strategies for the purpose of removing barriers to effective pain relief
- identify key medico-legal challenges and changes to pain policies over the past seven years and use this information to evaluate existing and future pain initiatives