

Adolescent Confidentiality: Balancing Provider Responsibilities and Patient Rights

CTAAP 2008 Teleconference Program

The Connecticut Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

And

The Connecticut Department of Public Health

Continuing Medical Education Program

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Clinicians face a difficult task in providing care to adolescents when they present with sensitive issues such as reproductive health care concerns, STDs, and abortion. Using a case study format, this program will examine clinicians' responsibilities and adolescents' rights regarding consent and confidentiality. The program will cover legal and clinical criteria for both emancipated and mature minors, and will include a discussion of the statutory and constitutional aspects of various types of health care such as abortion, STD testing and contraception. Deciding when to provide confidential care to youth and how to include parents can be tricky. This program will review legal expectations for providing confidential care and provide recommended practices. The program will also address mandatory reporting laws and statutory rape laws.

Participants taking this course will be able to:

- Understand Connecticut law and its affect on adolescent confidentiality issues;
- Understand the limits of consent and confidentiality regarding medical care for minors;
- Understand clinicians' obligations to protect adolescents' privacy and provide health care and;
- Understand the state's mandatory reporting guidelines.

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For a registration form or more information on this program, telephone 860-977-3430 or e-mail tracey.ctaap@gmail.com.

CME Credits for Physicians

- CME Credit has been applied for at Norwalk Hospital. Norwalk Hospital is accredited by the CT Medical Society to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. Norwalk Hospital designates this continuing medical education activity for 1 credit hour in Category 1 of the Physicians Recognition award of the AMA.

Continuing Education Requirements for Nurses

- The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) will accept documentation of participation in the teleconference as meeting continuing education requirements toward recertification.
- The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) will accept documentation of participation in this teleconference as meeting continuing education requirements for certified nurses. The credit hours will transfer equally. CTAAP will provide verification of participation in letter form to the nurse. Nurses must submit the proper paperwork to the ANCC for approval.