

## Where Healthcare and Legal Meet

This podcast series aims to help healthcare professionals understand the impact of criminal lawsuits against healthcare professionals who have made errors. The series will focus on the intersection of healthcare and the law. In doing so, we will review the legal definition of negligence, the impact of culture on hospital reporting systems, how organizations and individuals can support a healthy and safe work environment, and how we can make improvements to healthcare systems to help reduce errors while also protecting ourselves as healthcare professionals and providers from potential litigation.

*This CE course is relevant to nursing and medicine.*

### Episode 1– Negligence in Healthcare: What does it actually mean?

This episode defines negligence, the difference between criminal and civil lawsuits, and the importance of acknowledging mistakes.

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## Episode 2– Is Just Culture Realistic: System Failures, Improvements, and Corrective Actions

This episode takes a closer look at culture and how a toxic work environment affects the quality of healthcare provided within an organization.

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## Episode 3– Medical Error Reporting Going Forward

This episode discusses medical error reporting from the perspective of responsibility and accountability.

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