

# Legal Aspects of Nursing Documentation: How Well Would Your Documentation Hold Up in Court? WEBINAR



## DATE + TIME

Monday, February 17, 2025  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm



## REGISTRATION

Register on the AHEC Learning Portal:  
<https://www.scahec.net/learn/programs/4111>



## TARGET AUDIENCE

Nurses, Nursing Faculty, Nursing Students + any other healthcare professional who performs patient documentation.



## INSTRUCTOR

### Pam Collins, RN, MSN, CMSRN, RN-MEDSURG BC, NPJ-BC

Pam has 40 years of varied nursing experiences that includes administration/management, education, and work as an education and legal consultant. While Pam currently works as an Independent Consultant, she maintains her skills by working for a healthcare system in Charlotte, NC. Pam is dually certified in medical-surgical nursing from the American Nurses Credentialing Center and the Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses and is also certified in Nursing Professional Development. Pam has extensive experience with the legal aspects of nursing practice and has served as a consultant and expert witness for medical-surgical related cases involving nurses.

Pam's accomplishments include published author of articles, textbook chapters, and most recently, a medical-surgical nursing certification review book. She speaks nationally on clinical and legal topics for healthcare professionals. Pam has been the recipient of various awards, served as flight nurse in the United States Air Force Reserve, and an active member of the American Nurses Credentialing Center.



## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this program is to comprehensively examine legal perils of patient documentation. Content includes common sources of litigation for healthcare professionals, how medical records are interpreted/analyzed in a court setting, strategies for documenting effectively in the electronic medical record, and the true meaning of Charting by Exception. Additionally, actual malpractice cases will be discussed and analyzed.



## LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the conclusion of this program, each participant will be able to:

- State the most common source of litigation for healthcare professionals.
- Recognize deviations from the standard of care regarding documentation.
- Describe the essential components of an accurate nurse's note.
- Implement documentation techniques for writing legally defensible notes.
- Describe how to document High-risk conversations and situations.
- Examine legal implications of electronic documentation.

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## FEES

\$0 for AHEC members, \$50 for Non-AHEC members



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