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**Title:**

**Your Patient is Going to Trial Preparation, Now What? A Crash Course in Trial Preparation.**

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**Summary:**

The topics will include:

1. How to make and maintain records in anticipation of testifying at trial or before a Tribunal.
2. What to expect from discussions with counsel with regard to trial preparation.
3. What documents to bring to trial.
4. What to do if you are served with a Summons.
5. What you can do yourself to prepare for trial, i.e., refreshing your memory by reviewing your clinical notes and records.
6. Who is who in the court room.
7. How to address the court, the judge and the lawyers.
8. What is appropriate court attire.
9. Who to address when you are giving evidence.
10. Understand your role as a treating health care practitioner.
11. What is reasonable payment for your attendance, preparation time.
12. Can you be forced to testify for the defendant.
13. How to give evidence during your examination in chief.
14. What to expect in cross examination and how to defend yourself against different examining styles.

**Outcomes/Objectives:**

To provide insight and understanding into the Litigation process and to provide treating healthcare professionals with the necessary tools to prepare for and attend at a trial or hearing.