



# M. Stacia Dearmin, MD, FAAP, ACC

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*Senior Medical Consultant*

## *Services and Industries*

- Healthcare

## *Education*

Pediatric Residency, Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron, 1998

Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, M.D., 1995

- Mastin Scholar, 1994 and 1995

Vanderbilt University Divinity School, M.T.S. in Religion and Ethics, 1991

- Oberlin Scholar, 1988-1991
- Faculty-elected Merit Scholar, 1989-1990

Oberlin College, B.A. in Third World Studies, 1988

- National Merit Scholar

Dr. Stacia Dearmin is a physician, nationally recognized speaker, ICF-certified professional coach, and consultant. She provides clinical expertise in pediatrics, partnering with the firm's healthcare litigation practice to provide clinical support and assistance.

She brings 25 years of bedside practice and teaching focused primarily on pediatric emergency medicine. She practiced most recently in the Division of Emergency Services at Akron Children's Hospital in Ohio. Prior to that, she was Assistant Medical Director of the Pediatric Emergency Department at Hillcrest Hospital/Cleveland Clinic Health System. As clinical faculty of several Ohio medical schools, she trained countless resident physicians of several specialties as well as medical students.

Seeing a vast unmet need, Dr. Dearmin founded Thrive: Insight, Education, Support, LLC to support physicians and other medical professionals facing difficult patient outcomes and malpractice lawsuits. In 2018, she had the honor of giving, and later publishing, the endowed Zaremsky lecture in Health Law at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, educating an audience of physicians and lawyers alike. She continues to enrich physician retreats and wellness summits with her teaching and inspires local, regional, state and national physician associations with her talks.

Dr. Dearmin is the creator of a highly regarded, on demand video CME course for healthcare defendants. Additionally, she provides individualized support to those navigating difficult outcomes and litigation.

In addition, she long served as a consultant to teams developing pediatric clinical content for Change Healthcare, AxisPoint Health and Relay Health. She has also contributed to the development of Continuing Medical Education designed to reduce preventable patient harm in pediatric emergency medicine.

A proud alumna of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Vanderbilt University Divinity School and Oberlin College, Dr. Dearmin completed her pediatric residency at Akron Children's Hospital.

## ***Recognitions***

- Outstanding Primary Care Faculty, Ohio University College of Medicine, 2012
- John D. Kramer Research Prize for paper and presentation: *It's Only Child's Play: Pediatric Injuries Related to Play Equipment Use*, Alonna K. Norberg, MD, co-author, and C. Kennedy, MD, advisor, 1998
- Noah Miller Research Prize for same, 1998
- Outstanding Intern in Neonatology, Akron Children's Hospital, 1996
- Outstanding Graduating Resident in Primary Care, Akron Children's Hospital, 1998
- Outstanding Graduating Resident in Behavioral and Developmental Pediatrics, Akron Children's Hospital, 1998

## ***Publications***

- M. Stacia Dearmin, Experience is Treacherous: An Intimate View of the Physician's Experience of Adverse Patient Outcomes and Malpractice Litigation, 29 Health Matrix (The Health Law Journal of Case Western Reserve School of Law) 357 (2019)
- Over sixty digital publications in diverse physician-facing forums including Johns Hopkins Medicine's Closures, Wolters-Kluwer's After Rounds, KevinMD, as well as her own Insight blog

## ***Speaking Engagements***

- "Stand By Me: Peer Support After Unexpected Outcomes", Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society National Professional Development Symposium, Apr, 2022

- “Let’s Have a Talk: How to Navigate the Challenges of Medical Malpractice Litigation”, NYU-Langone Department of Radiology, Feb, 2022
- “Fully Human: Growth After Unexpected Outcomes and the Miracle of Post-Traumatic Growth” (3-hour interactive presentation), Institute for Physician Wellness Retreat, Oct, 2021
- “Finding Your Map and Compass: Navigating Medical Malpractice Litigation”, Plenary Speaker, American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists National Conference, Oct, 2021
- “Dark Before the Dawn: Our Experiences of Unexpected Outcomes and Malpractice Litigation”, Plenary Speaker, North Carolina Orthopedic Association Annual Meeting and Conference, Oct, 2020
- “Dark Before the Dawn: Our Experiences of Unexpected Outcomes and Malpractice Litigation”, Cleveland Surgical Society, Oct, 2020
- “Adverse Medical Events, Second Victims, and Litigation Stress”, CME presentation, Presented jointly with Louise Andrew, MD, JD, Hosted by Norcal Indemnity Group, July, 2019. <https://www.norcal-group.com/wellness>
- “Stand By Me: Living Through Adverse Outcomes and Malpractice Litigation”, Physician Resiliency Summit, Foundation for the PA Medical Society, Lancaster, PA, June, 2019
- “Lightening Our Load: Adverse Outcomes and Us”, Annual Meeting, Idaho Chapter: American College of Emergency Physicians, Boise, ID, May, 2019
- “Fully Human: Growing After Unexpected Adverse Outcomes”, Spring Wellness Retreat, Institute for Physician Wellness, Tucson, AZ, April, 2019
- “What’s My Alternative? (Alternative Dispute Resolution)”, Panelist, American Medical College of Northeast Ohio/Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Medical-Legal Summit, March, 2019
- “Dark Before the Dawn: The Physician’s Experience of Unexpected Outcomes and Malpractice Litigation”, Pasteur Club of Cleveland, November, 2018
- “Surviving Unexpected Outcomes and Malpractice Litigation”, Fall Classic Conference, Northeast Ohio Academy of Podiatric Medicine, October, 2018
- “Experience is Treacherous: An Intimate View of the Physician’s Experience of Adverse Patient Outcomes and Malpractice Litigation”, Elena and Miles Zaremski Lecture, CLE- and CME accredited, with co-presenter Dirk E. Riemenschneider, JD, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, OH, April, 2018
- Three-part annual conference series for senior residents, fellows, new attendings on topics related to unexpected patient outcomes and professional litigation, 2017-2019
- “When the Waves Wash Over Us: Responding and Recovering after Medical Mistakes and Unexpected Patient Outcomes and What We Talk about When We Talk about Litigation”, Two 1-hour CME-accredited joint presentations with Dirk E. Riemenschneider, JD, for National Risk Management Week, MetroHealth Medical Center, Cleveland, OH, June, 2017
- “From Barely Surviving to Thriving: Finding Our Way Through Professional Litigation”, Two-hour CME-accredited joint presentation with Dirk E. Riemenschneider, JD, Akron Children’s Hospital, Akron, OH, May, 2016

## ***Professional Affiliates***

- Fellow, American Academy of Pediatrics
- Member, International Coaching Federation

## ***Appointments***

- Clinical Assistant Professor, Northeast Ohio Medical University, 2015-2020

- Clinical Assistant Professor, Ohio University SOM, 2010-2016
- Clinical Instructor, Case Western Reserve University, SOM/Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, 1998-2016