



The 32nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE on
**OBSTETRICS, GYNECOLOGY, PERINATAL
MEDICINE, NEONATOLOGY, AND THE LAW**

JANUARY 2-6, 2016

and

The 16th ANNUAL MULTISPECIALTY CONFERENCE on
**MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT IN
MEDICINE, SURGERY, EMERGENCY MEDICINE,
RADIOLOGY, AND FAMILY MEDICINE**

JANUARY 5-8, 2016

Two conferences sharing one day in common. Select one or come to both (the second at a reduced rate). The reviews of the 31st and 15th Annual Conferences were again outstanding, continuing the tradition of this highly successful joint series.

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Conference Overview

According to a review by A. Abrahams, as recently quoted by the Journal of the American Medical Association, clinical errors are due to (1) Ignorance (2) Faulty judgment (3) Obsession (4) Failure to think anatomically (5) Failure to think at all (6) Reluctance to accept responsibility (7) Inherent difficulties in the case (8) Incomplete examination. That was in 1914 (not a misprint!)

While it is implicit that the failure to make a diagnosis is incorporated in Abrahams' classification of errors, it is really interesting to note the subsequent evolution of errors that result in malpractice claims that today prominently include: (1) Failure to communicate (2) Miscommunications (3) Lack of informed consent (4) Failure to document (5) Surgical misadventure (6) Medication errors (7) Avoidable hospital infections. Needless to say, errors may be compound.

A study by a previous speaker (G.B. Hickson) published some 20 years ago on the reasons why patients sue, remains pertinent today. He observed that lawsuits were filed to achieve long-term care, because the physician was not honest or misled them, because a child would have no future, to get information about what happened, or to get revenge or deter future errors (all in roughly equal proportions). Abrahams recognized human limitations (to err is human), which could be condoned, and opined that mistakes due to gross ignorance and faulty judgment could be overcome. Indeed, 100 years later, the National Practitioner Database noted a 34% decrease in payments made on behalf of errant physicians, from 18,535 to 12,152 cases between 2000 and 2012. Still, this is hardly a statistic in which we can take pride. At least one estimate places the number of malpractice lawsuits filed in the country each year at about 85,000.

These two multispecialty conferences bring into sharp focus new and established guidelines and standards of care, issues of competence, new advances, new judicial opinions, and ethics. The first conference concentrates on pregnancy, its management and the newborn, while the interdigitating and overlapping second conference takes up discussion along similar themes, but in multiple specialties.

The major objectives in these two conferences are to enhance the continuing education of a range of specialties in medicine and allied professions, including obstetrics, gynecology, midwifery, neonatology, medicine, surgery, family medicine, emergency medicine, cardiology, radiology, human genetics, and ethics. The key reasons that have characterized the success of these conferences for the past 31 and 15 years, respectively, are the highly qualified and renowned medical faculty, and the insights and lessons concerning the role of law and lawyers, communicated by acknowledged "super lawyers." Only through a thorough understanding of the complexities of medicine and law can physicians and litigators hope to deal effectively with the continuing challenges of medical and legal practice.

The specific goals of these conferences are to:

1. Teach healthcare professionals to better comprehend the machinations of negligence law, and to develop a more complete awareness of the need for anticipatory and safety practice.
2. Teach legal professionals about the complex issues encountered in the practice of medicine, including the intricacies of decision-making, aiming to sharpen their understanding on behalf of their clients, both plaintiff and defense.

Once again, an extraordinarily experienced and superb faculty has been assembled for the 32nd and 16th anniversary conferences that will be important to all the specialties mentioned including nurse practitioners, trial attorneys, in-house counsel, pediatricians, primary care physicians, insurers and claims personnel, risk managers and all providers of healthcare.

At the conclusion of this conference, healthcare professionals will be able to articulate the role of law and lawyers in medical malpractice and discuss the complexities of the legal process.

At the conclusion of this conference, legal professionals will be able to describe the best-evidence in medical malpractice as it pertains to obstetrics, gynecology, midwifery, neonatology, medicine, surgery, family medicine, emergency medicine, cardiology, radiology, and human genetics.

Major topics for the first conference include:

- *Home births and midwives: A lawyer's picnic?*
- *Morbid obesity, pregnancy, and consent*
- *Consent and operative delivery: Yes, No, When?*
- *Fetal growth and fetal heart rate patterns*
- *Patterns of brain injury, Myelin or mayhem?*
- *Connective tissue catastrophes: A stretch too far?*
- *Shoulder dystocia*
- *Brain injury: Hypoxia or prematurity*
- *The pre-viable fetus: Law and ethics*
- *Encephalopathy: Genetic disorder or hypoxia*
- *Vacuum-assisted delivery: Standards of care*
- *Brachial plexus injury: Antecedent warnings*
- *Cesarean section in labor: Incision-to-delivery time*
- *Intellectual disability and autism: Law and the genome*
- *Genetics, ethics, and law*
- *Chorioamnionitis and brain injury*
- *Vaccine for Beta strep infection*
- *Communication failures and litigation*
- *Tachysystole and hyperstimulation*
- *Limits of medical-legal certainty*
- *EFM: Decelerations and decreased variability*
- *Chorioamnionitis and cerebral palsy: Myths and facts*
- *Cesarean section: morbidity and mortality*

Major topics for the overlapping second conference include:

- *Troponins and chest pain evaluation*
- *Acute deterioration in the emergency department*
- *Laparoscopy, endoscopy and adverse events*
- *Evidence in acute coronary syndromes*
- *Best practices in weight loss surgery*
- *Avoiding errors in total knee arthroplasty*
- *Communication failures and litigation*
- *Limits of medical-legal certainty*
- *β -strep infection and vaccines*
- *Limits to guidelines?*
- *Fever in the emergency department*
- *Liability of residents in training*
- *Resident liability and medical negligence*
- *Out-of-hospital cardiac arrest*
- *Co-morbidities and bariatric surgery*
- *The limits of diagnostic tests in the emergency department*
- *Hip replacement and medicolegal complications*
- *Death after discharge from the emergency department*

Faculty

Aubrey Milunsky, MD, DSc, FRCP, FACMG, DCH

Conference Chair

Founder and Co-Director

Center for Human Genetics, Cambridge, MA

Adjunct Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Tufts University School of Medicine

Formerly Professor of Human Genetics, Pediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynecology and Pathology at Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, MA

Dr. Milunsky is internationally known for his work in prenatal genetic diagnosis, molecular genetics, and the epidemiology of birth defects. He is the author, editor, or co-editor of 25 books and author or co-author of over 441 scientific communications. He is the Founding Editor and Co-Editor of ***Genetic Disorders and the Fetus: Diagnosis, Prevention and Treatment*** (7th edition). The 6th edition of this major worldwide reference text for prenatal diagnosis received the “**Highly Commended**” Award from the British Medical Association. His latest trade book entitled ***Your Genes, Your Health: A Critical Family Guide That Could Save Your Life*** is also being published in Indonesian. He has given invited lectures in 35 countries, (including the Vatican). He has been honored, by election, as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of England, and with an award for excellence in teaching. He is an editorial board member of ***Prenatal Diagnosis***. Boston University has named the ***Aubrey Milunsky Chair in Human Genetics***.

Jeff M. Milunsky, MD, FACMG

Conference Co-Chair

Co-Director, Center for Human Genetics

Director, Clinical Genetics

Senior Director, Molecular Genetics, Cambridge, MA

Formerly Professor of Pediatrics, Genetics and Genomics at Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, MA

Dr. Milunsky is known internationally for his work in clinical and molecular genetics with special reference to his expertise in the diagnosis, evaluation and management of genetic connective tissue disorders. He is the co-editor of ***Genetic Disorders and the Fetus: Diagnosis, Prevention and Treatment*** (7th edition). The 6th edition received the British Medical Association “**Highly Commended**” **Medical Book Award**. Dr. Milunsky is the author or co-author of at least 283 scientific communications. He is an elected member of the Society for Pediatric Research. He is listed in **Top Doctors in Boston (Genetics)**.

Dov Apfel, JD

Janet, Jenner & Suggs, LLC
Baltimore, MD

Mr. Apfel is a nationally known plaintiff attorney, author, and lecturer and the recipient of the Dan Cullan Memorial Award for national lifetime achievement, conferred by the Executive Board of the Birth Trauma Litigation Group of the American Association for Justice. He has appeared as co-counsel in at least 24 states. He has authored a few dozen papers all focused on a wide range of issues related to birth injury. He is a member of the National Association of Distinguished Counsel (nation's top 1%) and a member of the National Trial Lawyers Association (Top 100 trial lawyers). He has been recognized several times as a Maryland **Super Lawyer**.

B. Sonny Bal, MD JD MBA

Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery
University of Missouri School of Medicine
Columbia, MO

Professor Bal is known internationally for his work in Orthopedic Surgery with special reference to joint reconstruction. He is the author or co-author of at least 275 scientific communications. Professor Bal serves on the editorial boards of multiple prestigious journals including the ***World Journal of Orthopedics***, ***The Journal of Orthopedic Surgical Advances*** and the ***International Journal of Medicine and Law***. He has been an examiner for the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery and has been honored repeatedly with the **Achievement Award** from the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. He is also the President and Chief Executive Officer of Amedica.

Frank A. Chervenak, MD

Given Foundation Professor and Chairman
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Obstetrician-in-Chief and Director of Maternal Fetal Medicine
New York Presbyterian Hospital
Weill Cornell Medical Center
New York, NY

Professor Chervenak is known internationally for his work in maternal fetal medicine and bioethics. He is the author or co-author of 1140 long and short scientific communications and book chapters. Professor Chervenak is also the co-author or co-editor of 31 books, the most recent being ***High Risk Pregnancy*** and ***The Professional Responsibility Model of Perinatal Ethics***. He has been the recipient of honorary doctoral degrees conferred by at least 11 universities including universities in Hungary, Greece, Russia, Argentina, Uruguay, Romania, Croatia and Greece. In addition he has been the recipient of scores of honors including honorary membership of many professional medical associations. He is listed among **Super Doctors**.

Domenic A. Crolla, JD

Partner, Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP
Adjunct Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School

Ottawa, ON, Canada

Mr. Crolla is a defense attorney focused on healthcare law, medical negligence, personal injury, product liability and information technology litigation. He is the lead General Counsel to the Canadian Medical Protective Association. He has been honored for **Outstanding Academic Leadership** at Osgoode Hall Law School. He is the author of about two dozen medicolegal publications and has lectured widely throughout Canada. Mr. Crolla is a fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America and was previously managing partner of Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP. He has been the lead counsel for a range of notable judgments. He is listed as a leading practitioner by Lexpert and in **Best Lawyers in Canada**, Benchmark Canada.

Bernard Gonik, MD

Fann S. Srere Chair of Perinatal Medicine
Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Wayne State University School of Medicine
Attending Physician, Sinai-Grace Hospital and Hutzel Women's Hospital
Detroit, MI

Professor Gonik is known internationally for his work in maternal fetal medicine with special reference to infectious disease. He is the author or co-author of 470 scientific publications. Professor Gonik is the author, editor or co-author of 9 books the most recent being the 5th edition of ***High Risk Pregnancy: Management Options***. He serves on the editorial boards of the ***Open Vaccine*** journal and ***Infectious Diseases in Obstetrics and Gynecology***. He has been the recipient of multiple honors and awards for both teaching and research, the most recent being the Excellence in Clinical Teaching award from Wayne State University School of Medicine. He has been cited in ***Metro Detroit's Best Doctors*** and repeatedly in ***Best Doctors in America***.

Amal Mattu, MD

Professor and Vice Chair
Department of Emergency Medicine
University of Maryland School of Medicine
Attending Physician, University of Maryland Medical Center
Baltimore, MD

Professor Mattu is known internationally for his work in emergency medicine. Professor Mattu is the author or co-editor of 17 books, the most recent two of which are ***Roberts and Hedges Clinical Procedures in Emergency Medicine*** and ***Cardiovascular Emergencies***. He is also the co-editor of 40 web-based articles and co-editor of 7 monographs on emergency medicine. He is the author or co-author of at least 156 scientific communications. Professor Mattu has been honored annually for many years as **Teacher of the Year** or as recipient of **Outstanding Teaching Attending** awards. He has also been recognized for outstanding emergency medicine leadership by the American Academy of Emergency Medicine. The Council of Residency Directors in Emergency medicine honored him with the **Distinguished Educator** award.

Steven P. Miller, MDCM

Professor, Department of Paediatrics
University of Toronto
Head, Division of Neurology and Centre for Brain & Behaviour
Hospital for Sick Children
Chair, Paediatric Neuroscience
Bloorview Children's Hospital Foundation
Toronto, ON, Canada

Professor Miller is known internationally for his work in pediatric neurology with special reference to brain injury. He is the author or co-author of at least 238 scientific communications. Professor Miller is immediate

past president of the Society for Pediatric Research and a recent Canada Research chair in neonatal neuroscience. He has been the recipient of multiple honors including the Medal in Medicine from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

L. Kristin Newby, MD, MHS

Professor, Department of Medicine – Cardiology
Duke University School of Medicine
Attending Physician, Duke University Medical Center
Durham, NC

Professor Newby is known internationally for her work in cardiology with special reference to coronary artery disease. She is the author or co-author of at least 460 scientific communications. She serves on the editorial boards of multiple prestigious journals and is the Senior Associate Editor, *Journal of the American Heart Association*. She has been the recipient of the **Joseph C. Greenfield, Jr. Research Mentoring Award** at Duke University Medical Center and recognized among **Top Women in Medicine** in 2012. She was also honored by recognition as **Project Scientist Superstar** by Projectscientist.org.

Errol R. Norwitz, MD, PhD

Louis E. Phaneuf Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Tufts University School of Medicine
Chairman and OB/GYN-in-Chief, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Tufts Medical Center
Boston, MA

Professor Norwitz is known internationally for his work in maternal fetal medicine with special reference to high risk pregnancy. He is the author or co-author of 310 scientific communications. Professor Norwitz is the co-editor of six books, the most recent two being *Evidenced-based Obstetrics and Gynaecology* and *Molecular Approaches to Reproductive and Newborn Medicine*. He serves on the editorial boards of multiple prestigious journals including the *British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*, *Obstetrics and Gynecology International* and *Reproductive Sciences*. He serves on the advisory board of the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* and is an examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology in maternal fetal medicine. Professor Norwitz has been the recipient of many honors for research, teaching and oral presentations. He was also a **Rhodes Scholar** at Oxford University. He has been listed repeatedly in **Top Doctors** in Boston.

Anthony O. Odibo, MD, MSCE

Professor, Maternal Fetal Medicine
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
University of South Florida
Director of Ultrasound and Fetal Therapy
South Tampa Center for Advanced HealthCare
Tampa, FL

Professor Odibo is known internationally for his work in maternal fetal medicine with special reference to fetal ultrasound and therapy. He is the author or co-author of 528 scientific communications. Professor Odibo is the co-editor of *Obstetric Imaging*. He serves on the editorial board of prestigious journals including the *British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology* and is an associate editor for *Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology*. He has been the recipient of research and teaching awards and is a Top Reviewer for the major three obstetrics and gynecology journals.

Scott A. Shikora, MD, FACS

Associate Professor of Surgery

Harvard Medical School
Director, Center for Metabolic Health and Bariatric Surgery
Brigham and Women's Hospital
Boston, MA

Professor Shikora is known internationally for his work in bariatric surgery. He is the co-editor of three books, the most recent of which is ***Clinical Nutrition for Surgical Patients***. Professor Shikora is the author or co-author of at least 140 scientific communications and has given over 700 lectures worldwide. He is the editor-in-chief of ***Obesity Surgery***, the associate editor of ***Surgery for Obesity and Related Disorders***, and serves on the editorial boards of ***Nutrition in Clinical Care***, ***Bariatric Times*** and ***Bariatrica e Metabolica***. He has received multiple awards for excellence in teaching and repeatedly appeared in **Best Doctors** in America and Boston **Super Doctors**. He has received the distinguished alumni award from Muhlenberg College.



Accommodations

INTERCONTINENTAL SAN JUAN * Carolina, Puerto Rico

The Center for Human Genetics, Inc. has secured a room block at the InterContinental San Juan, which will be available until November 25, 2015, or until it is sold out.

Laguna View: \$224

Pool View: \$254

Ocean View: \$284

The above rates are based on single or double occupancy and are subject to 11% Government Tax and 18% hotel service fee, per room per night. Rates are effective for arrivals on Saturday, January 1 to departures on Sunday, January 10, 2016. A charge of \$40 per adult per room per night will be assessed for a third adult, plus taxes and fees. Children 17 and under stay complimentary using existing bedding. Maximum of 2 adults/2 children or 3 adults per room.

Arrivals prior to January 1, 2016, are on request basis only, subject to availability, and are priced at the full public rate in effect at that time.

For information on making your travel arrangements and to book your accommodations, please visit <http://events.signup4.com/chg2016>, accessible online via the Center's website www.chginc.org.

What Participants Are Saying:

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The “gold standard” for birth trauma conferences! This conference far exceeded my expectations, as most speakers were very engaging and well-prepared. I most certainly will be back in the future.

“Thanks for creating such a unique type of conference – my 5th and always interesting, informative and useful”

Best conference I have ever attended! [Echoed many times]



32nd Annual Conference

Obstetrics, Gynecology, Perinatal Medicine, Neonatology, and the Law

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2016

4:00-6:30pm *Registration*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016

7:15am *Continental Breakfast*

8:00am **Welcome and Introduction**
Aubrey Milunsky, M.D., D.Sc.

8:10am **Home Births, Midwives and Obstetrician Coverage: The Painful Facts**
Frank A. Chervenak, M.D.

Legal Commentary and Discussion
Domenic A. Crolla, J.D.
Dov Apfel, J.D.

8:55am **Should Morbidly Obese Pregnant Women Sign a Different Consent Form?**
Errol R. Norwitz, M.D., Ph.D.

9:35am **Getting to Yes (or No): Consent and Operative Delivery**
Domenic A. Crolla, J.D.

10:15am *Refreshment Break*

10:30am **Fetal Growth Restriction and Fetal Heart Rate Patterns**
Anthony O. Odibo, M.D., M.S.C.E.

11:15am **Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy in the Term Neonate: Patterns of Brain Injury**
Steven P. Miller, M.D.C.M.

Legal Commentary and Discussion
Domenic A. Crolla, J.D.
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12:05pm **Clinical Catastrophes of Connective Tissue Disorders: Medical and Legal Complications**
Jeff M. Milunsky, M.D.

12:45pm **Expert Panel Discussion**

1:00pm *Adjourn*

6:30-7:30pm *Welcome Reception*

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016

- 7:15am *Continental Breakfast*
- 8:00am **Shoulder Dystocia: Recognizing the Normal of Fetal Descent in Labor**
Anthony O. Odibo, M.D., M.S.C.E.
- 8:40am **Brachial Plexus Injury: Warnings about Obstetrical Antecedents**
Bernard Gonik, M.D.
- Legal Commentary and Discussion**
Domenic A. Crolla, J.D.
Dov Apfel, J.D.
- 9:30am **Standards of Expected Care for Vacuum-assisted Delivery**
Errol R. Norwitz, M.D., Ph.D.
- 10:10am *Refreshment Break*
- 10:25am **Hypoxia or Prematurity? Abnormal Brain Maturation and Brain Injury in the Preterm Neonate**
Steven P. Miller, M.D.C.M.
- Legal Commentary and Discussion**
Domenic A. Crolla, J.D.
Dov Apfel, J.D.
- 11:10am **The Pre- and Peri-viable Fetus: A Medical, Legal and Ethical Challenge**
Frank A. Chervenak, M.D.
- 11:50am **Hypoxia or Genetic Disorder: The Genetic Defense. Really?**
Aubrey Milunsky, M.D., D.Sc.
- 12:30pm **Expert Panel Discussion**
- 1:00pm *Adjourn*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016

- 7:15am *Continental Breakfast*
- 8:00am **Chorioamnionitis, Infection and Brain Injury in the Preterm Neonate**
Steven P. Miller, M.D.C.M.
- 8:40am **Chorioamnionitis and Cerebral Palsy in the Term Baby: Myths v. Facts**
Dov Apfel, J.D.
- Medicolegal Commentary and Discussion**
Domenic A. Crolla, J.D.
Errol R. Norwitz, M.D., Ph.D..
- 9:30am **Major B-strep Infection at Term: Should a Vaccine have been used to Avoid Perinatal Morbidity and Mortality?**
Bernard Gonik, M.D.
- 10:10am *Refreshment Break*
- 10:25am **New Approaches to Preterm Birth Prevention: Evolving Practice Guidelines**
Bernard Gonik, M.D.
- 11:05am **Intellectual Disability, Autism, Developmental Delay and the Genome: Issues, Ethics and Law**
Jeff M. Milunsky, M.D.
- 11:45am **Clinico-Legal Case “Testimony” and “Counter-Testimony” by Experts**
Errol R. Norwitz, M.D., Ph.D., Anthony O. Odibo, M.D., M.S.C.E. & Jeff M. Milunsky, M.D.
vs.
Frank A. Chervenak, M.D., Bernard Gonik, M.D. & Steven P. Miller, M.D.C.M.
- Cross Examination:**
Domenic A. Crolla, J.D.
Dov Apfel, J.D.
- 1:00pm *Adjourn*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016 (*Joint Conference Day*)

7:15am *Continental Breakfast*

8:00am **Welcome and Introduction**
Aubrey Milunsky, M.D., D.Sc.

8:10am **Incision-to-delivery Time for Cesarean Section in Labor with Concerns for Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy**
Anthony O. Odibo, M.D., M.S.C.E.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016

- 7:15am *Continental Breakfast*
- 8:00am **Avoidable Complications in Knee Surgery that Invite Litigation**
B. Sonny Bal, M.D., J.D., M.B.A.
- 8:40am **Are High Sensitivity Troponins Enough to Change the Standard of Care for ED Chest Pain Evaluation?**
L. Kristin Newby, M.D., M.H.S.
- 9:25am **Standards of Care in the Management of the Acutely Deteriorating Patient Entering the Emergency Department**
Amal Mattu, M.D.
- 10:10am *Refreshment Break*
- 10:25am **Laparoscopy & Endoscopy: Adverse Events**
Scott A. Shikora, M.D., F.A.C.S.
- 11:05am **Guidelines are Just That: Understanding the Evidence and Performance Improvement in Acute Coronary Syndromes**
L. Kristin Newby, M.D., M.H.S.
- 11:45am **Resident Liability in Medical Negligence Claims**
B. Sonny Bal, M.D., J.D., M.B.A.
- 12:25pm **Colloquium: Medicine, Law, and Ethics**
Amal Mattu, M.D.
L. Kristin Newby, M.D., M.H.S.
Scott A. Shikora, M.D., F.A.C.S.
B. Sonny Bal, M.D., J.D., M.B.A.
- 1:00pm *Adjourn*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2016

- 7:15am *Continental Breakfast*
- 8:00am **Best Practices in Weight Loss Surgery**
Scott A. Shikora, M.D., F.A.C.S.
- 8:40am **Death Following Discharge from the Emergency Department: A Medicolegal Challenge**
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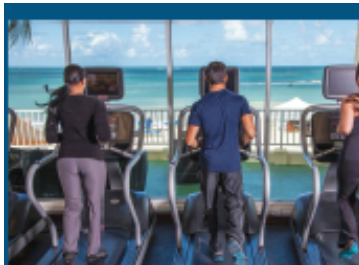
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