“Avoiding Legal Pitfalls: How to Bring Pathology Back to Your Dermatology Practice”

Attorney/Consultant Daniel M. Bernick, J.D., M.B.A. of The Health Care Group and Health Care Law Associates (www.healthcaregroup.com) will talk about the different ways of “in-sourcing” pathology back into your practice without violating the many legal rules that apply. What are the legal implications of employing a pathologist to read your slides, so that you can bill for the professional interpretation? What are the legal implications of starting a histopathology lab within your practice to process specimens? How should these arrangements be structured to avoid legal problems? Is it permissible anymore to buy pathology TC or PC and mark it up? The Stark law, the Anti-Kickback law, and the recent Anti-Markup law (replaces the old purchased service rule) will be discussed.

Mr. Bernick has been working with dermatologists and other physicians for 25 years. He has presented on legal issues relating to dermatology at conferences of the Inga Ellzey Practice Group, and served as consultant to the American Academy of Dermatology. He brings a wealth of legal and business knowledge to this exciting topic.