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## Risk Management & Patient Safety Dept. Tips

### Learn from Experiences through Claims Lessons

In medicine, as in life, we often learn so much from the insights of those who have "been there, done that." *Claims Lessons*, online news briefs from the Risk Management & Patient Safety Department, offer policyholders a unique opportunity to review abstracts of actual lawsuits from our files.

*Claims Lessons* is presented in a brief, easy-to-read format. Each abstract concludes with practical "learning points" with which physicians may relate, and should be used for educational purposes only. We urge you to directly consult our Risk Management & Patient Safety Department, or qualified legal counsel, to address specific issues. You may access *Claims Lessons* online at:

[www.magmutual.com/risk/closed-claims.html](http://www.magmutual.com/risk/closed-claims.html).

For more information about our online resources, contact Cleveland Williams at **1-800-282-4882 ext. 5681**. ☐

## MAG Mutual's Website is New and Improved!

We're pleased to announce the launch of our new and improved website. The new site provides a more comprehensive source of policyholder news and information on MAG Mutual services in an updated format and design. A major goal of the redesign was to improve the online experience for policyholders, by making it more intuitive to navigate. "Last year we had almost a quarter million pages viewed on our site. Those are great numbers, but we've taken lessons learned from policyholder comments –

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## Rate MAG Mutual!

We know you have a lot of options when it comes to choosing an insurance company, which is why we strive to offer service that meets your needs and exceeds your expectations. In the coming months, you will hear about several new customer service initiatives designed to make it easier to do business with us. To measure how we are doing, and how our changes help us improve, we need your assistance.

When you call MAG Mutual with a business question or issue, you will be asked a single question at the conclusion of your call: **How likely are you to recommend MAG Mutual to another physician, associate or medical practice, using a scale of 0-10 (ten being the most likely)?** Your answer will help us measure customer satisfaction. You can also rate us online at [www.MAGMutual.com/rating/](http://www.MAGMutual.com/rating/) and complete the question.

Our telephone representative will only make a note of your response. In some situations, we may need to mail you a note following the call to resolve an issue or answer a question. A website link will be included with the note to give you the opportunity to provide your opinion.

You may be asked the question whenever you call because answers may vary over time. We value your views and experiences and appreciate your participation in this survey. ☐

## 2008 Annual Report Reveals Company is: *Stronger Than Ever*

As a policyholder and owner of MAG Mutual Insurance Company, we think you'll garner a lot of interesting and useful information from the 2008 Annual Report. We hope you'll take a moment to review the company's financial report and see the solid financial standing of your physician-led company. You'll also see the photos of your Board of Directors and Claims Committees.

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## In Practice. In Life.

### Summer Catalog

The new Summer Medical Resource Guide from **MAG Mutual Healthcare Solutions, Inc. (MMHSI)** features great new products and all new publications for 2010:

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## Where We'll Be:

**July 31-August 2 • St. Simons Island, GA • King & Prince Resort**  
Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists

**August 7-9 • Amelia Island, FL • Ritz Carlton**  
Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association

**August 13-14 • Charleston, SC • Francis Marion Hotel**  
Georgia Society of Ambulatory Surgery Centers

This is just a sample of the meetings our staff will attend this month. For more, go to [www.MAGMutual.com](http://www.MAGMutual.com) and click on Meet a MAG Mutual Representative.

## In Memoriam: Jay Tasker, Joe McAbee

MAG Mutual mourns the deaths of two of our company's earliest officers, **Joseph W. Tasker, Jr.** and **Joe W. McAbee**.

**"Jay" Tasker** was MAG Mutual's first Vice President of Underwriting. He had worked as Chief Examiner in the Georgia Insurance Department when he was introduced at MAG Mutual's very first annual policyholders' meeting in April 1983. Jay, with primary responsibility for underwriting, rate-setting, new product development and regulatory compliance, helped guide MAG Mutual for more than 20 years, until his retirement in December 2004. He died unexpectedly on May 18 from complications of surgery.

**Joe McAbee** was another pillar of MAG Mutual's early senior management. Moving from the St. Paul Insurance Companies, he started as Claims Manager in March 1984, and became Vice President of Claims two years later. Joe's aggressive defense of our policyholders became a trademark of MAG Mutual; he served as mentor for the current generation of our Claims staff. He held the office of Senior Vice President, Claims, at the time of his retirement in December 1999. Joe died May 21 after a lengthy illness.

We join Brenda Tasker, Jane McAbee and their families in mourning the passing of these two fine individuals, who together did so much to make MAG Mutual the success it is today.

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Finally, we hope that you take a look at 15 of the many ways that MAG Mutual adds value for you and your practice. Once you add it all up, we're sure you'll come to the conclusion that **MAG Mutual is Stronger than Ever**. We hope you refer to the book often for ways to make your practice successful – with the confidence that we'll be here to serve you.

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coupled with enhanced technology and made substantial improvements.

If you haven't viewed the new site, go to [www.MAGMutual.com](http://www.MAGMutual.com). We'd love your feedback! Send an email to [rbarnes@magmutual.com](mailto:rbarnes@magmutual.com).

## A. M. Best Continues MAG Mutual's A- (Excellent) Rating with Stable Outlook for 2009



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