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NORCAL Releases New Diabetes CME Course Book

San Francisco, CA (November 15, 2006) – NORCAL Mutual Insurance Company announced today the release of its newest Continuing Medical Education (CME) course, *Diabetes: Managing Comorbidities*.

The diabetes course is the latest addition to NORCAL's award-winning CME program, which is designed to help NORCAL's physician policyholders identify practice risks, improve patient care and communication, and fulfill their continuing medical education requirements.

NORCAL's Risk Management Department developed this course because diabetes management has surfaced as a professional liability issue for family practice, general practice and internal medicine physicians. The course, which incorporates statistics from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the American Diabetes Association (ADA) and NORCAL's own claims data, contains three closed cases that illustrate adverse outcomes related to negligent diabetes management and offers summarized national practice guidelines and specific risk management recommendations.

"Diabetes has become a major public health concern for many Americans," said Stephen M. Farber, NORCAL's Vice President of Risk Management/Continuing Medical Education. "Because negligent management of diabetes and its comorbidities can result in such serious consequences, we have developed this course to help physicians improve patient safety and avoid liability when treating diabetic patients."

NORCAL policyholders can register for *Diabetes: Managing Comorbidities* by contacting the Risk Management Department at (800) 652-1051, ext. 2244, or by visiting NORCAL online at www.norcalmutual.com/cme.

NORCAL Mutual Insurance Company was formed in 1975 to provide the highest quality medical professional liability insurance, products and services to its policyholders. NORCAL insures over 12,000 physicians, medical groups, hospitals, clinics and healthcare facilities primarily in Rhode Island, California and Alaska.

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