



Who is the most responsible physician?

Check your knowledge.

The most responsible physician (MRP) is the physician or other regulated healthcare provider responsible for coordinating care of a patient at a specific point in time.



Identifying the MRP...

- Helps healthcare providers deliver safe care
- Isn't always easy

A legal point about MRPs

Usually, the MRP is not responsible for the care provided by other healthcare providers as each provider caring for a patient owes that patient a duty of care.

E.g., A referring physician is generally responsible for coordinating a patient's ongoing care, but not for the care provided by a consulting physician.



Reduce confusion. Consider using:

- Protocols or policies to clarify MRP role and responsibilities
- Structured communication tools to ensure information is effectively communicated

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