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Lisa Creamer has been a nurse at Texas Children's for over 25 years. She is currently working with the Child Protection Program as the nurse manager, working with patients who are suspected victims of physical or sexual abuse or neglect. She is a member of the Harris County Child Protection Program. She oversees the operations of the Children's Assessment Center Medical Clinic, a clinic devoted solely to Children who are victims of sexual abuse. Lisa has a BSN from Texas Women's University.

Michelle A. Lyn is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine, and fulfills the appointed position of Director of Child Protection Section of Emergency Medicine at Texas Children's Hospital, Medical Director of The Children's Assessment Center and Medical Director of Pediatric Emergency at St. Luke's Hospital – Sugar Land. Dr. Lyn earned her M.D. degree from State University of N.Y. She completed her residency in Pediatrics at Albert Einstein College which was followed by a fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine. She has been nationally recognized for her work to help children in crisis.

Lynn Sessions is the Director of Risk Management at Texas Children's Hospital, an internationally recognized full care pediatric integrated delivery system. She is responsible for all Risk Management activities for Texas Children's including litigation activity, claims handling, risk financing, medico-legal consultations, Environmental Health and Safety and Emergency Management. Prior to Texas Children's, Lynn had eleven years in private legal practice focusing on hospital and physician representation in healthcare litigation matters. She holds a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University and her doctor of jurisprudence from Baylor University.

## **The Voice of the Children** *Texas Children's Response to Lightning Striking Twice*

Children face legal issues every day in our health care system. This presentation looks at the intersection between health care providers and the law when children are the victims of sexual and physical abuse. In this real life case study, Texas Children's Hospital presents its journey in assessing the risk of sexual abuse in its facilities, the risk management and legal issues that were uncovered, its response to those issues, and how Texas Children's ensures that it is the voice for our most vulnerable patients in a most vulnerable time. Legal and medical experts will explain a health care provider's legal obligation to report, make recommendations for educating staff on recognizing abuse, and demonstrate Texas Children's risk mitigation strategies.