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MEDICAL MALPRACTICE COUNSEL – DOCTOR-PATIENT PRIVILEGE.

It is not improper for an attorney representing a defendant in a medical malpractice suit to seek and obtain without plaintiff's knowledge or consent information from other doctors who may have treated said plaintiff even though such information may be within the doctor-patient privilege.

Committee Opinion
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Legal Ethics Committee Notes. – This opinion is overruled by Va. Code § 8.01-399 (D) and LEO 1639.