The History Behind the New Standards

• 1984: Death of Libby Zion
• 1987: Bell Commission in NY
  • July 1, 1989 – All NY State Hospitals mandated to comply with new regulations
  • Applied to largest, highest volume departments
    • Anesthesia
    • Emergency Medicine
    • Family Practice
    • Medicine
    • Obstetrics
    • Pediatrics
    • Surgery
• 2001: OSHA petition/Association of American Medical Colleges to limit resident working hours
• 2001: Bills in both the Senate and the House to impose work-hour limits
• 2002: ACGME proposed duty-hour standards
• 2003: ACGME approved duty-hour standards
• 2003: Maggie’s Law enacted in New Jersey, establishing driving while fatigued as recklessness under vehicular homicide statute
• 2003: ACGME duty-hour standards enacted