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## Overview of the Healthcare Risk Management Profession

Healthcare risk management is a diverse profession in a dynamic and evolving healthcare industry. Healthcare risk managers hold a wide variety of titles and work in a cross section of organizations. The truth is that we do operate in wide range of settings and organizations. But, we have many common professional attributes. And, it's because there are so many different types of opportunities for healthcare risk management professionals, that our profession is so interesting and rewarding.

The American Society for Healthcare Risk Management is the professional association for healthcare risk managers. We are more than 6,000 members strong.

### What kind of backgrounds do healthcare risk managers have?

Healthcare risk managers come from a variety of professional and educational backgrounds. We have an interest in the broad-based discipline of healthcare risk management because we enjoy working to positively influence the healthcare industry, and contributing to the delivery of safe and trusted healthcare. We are men and women in every state across the country, working for large and small communities and organizations.

### What do healthcare risk managers do?

It's a very dynamic profession and we believe that this is the fun part of being a healthcare risk manager. By nature, we are flexible professionals who work as an integral part of delivering safe and trusted healthcare. Some examples of what we do include; risk financing, event and incident management, clinical aspects, financial aspects, legal aspects, general business aspects, the psychological and human factors of healthcare, statistical analysis, insurance, risk financing and claims management.

### How can I become a healthcare risk manager?

There is not a direct, singular route to becoming a healthcare risk manager. However, you must have a basic understanding of risk management within the healthcare world through practical experience and/or education. Common educational backgrounds include business, insurance, clinical/nursing, medical and law. However, there are other backgrounds that healthcare risk managers come from as well. These include areas such as pharmaceuticals, biometrics, health law and others.

It's not a one-size-fits-all profession. You can be trained to be a healthcare risk manager through education, practical experience or both.



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### Where are the jobs?

You can find employment in a wide variety of organizations such as hospitals, insurance carriers and brokers; healthcare organizations; consulting firms; long-term care; ambulatory; hospice; office surgeries; physician practices; pharmaceuticals; governmental agencies; independent urgent walk-in centers; and other organizations that support the healthcare continuum.

### Why might I choose healthcare risk management as a career?

If you like challenging work, a diverse set of responsibilities, continual learning, are open to ongoing change and can demonstrate an interest in and understanding of healthcare risk management job attributes, you would enjoy working in healthcare risk management.