

HEALTH CARE

Doctor sings amusing blues to take a stand on lawsuits

Most doctors lament the rising cost of medical malpractice insurance by bickering among themselves. Dr. Sam Bierstock of Delray Beach uses the experience to write song lyrics.

Bierstock, an ophthalmologist who works as a medical director for a medical information company, has just released his blues band's latest compact disc: *Goin' Bare*. That's the phrase doctors use when they drop malpractice insurance coverage.

Among the tunes are: *They've Got Deep Pockets—Let's Sue*; *The Jury Consultant Blues*; *When You Wish to Sue a Star*; *Back Spasm Woman* and *A Ploy Named Counter-sue*.

"We're using funny lyrics and great music to spread an important message," Bierstock said. "Our goal is to help people understand how the constant threat of litigation impacts a physician's ability to do his or her job."

Bierstock, 57, first formed his band in 1996 under the name Dr. Sam and the Managed Care Blues Band. When he turned his attention to plaintiff attorneys this year, he renamed the group, Dr. Sam and The Frivolous Action Blues Band.

The CD is available at 19.95 from www.managedmusic.com.

—Phil Galewitz

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 \$19.95 (PER HOUR)

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Dr. Sam Bierstock's CD includes *They've Got Deep Pockets — Let's Sue* and *When You Wish to Sue a Star*. The CD title, *Goin' Bare*, refers to the practice of going without malpractice insurance.