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**THE SHOW MUST GO ON?**  
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**SUMMARY**

**At this presentation, 4 real life boxing/mma scenarios were discussed:**

- 1) A 70 year old man was permitted to fight as a professional in a mixed martial arts event in Canada. He had passed all the pre-fight medical tests and apparently threatened the commission with legal implications in order to be allowed to fight. The audience agreed that if the ringside physicians are not comfortable with a scenario such as this, they should decline the fight assignment.**
- 2) A fighter in a mixed martial arts contest dislocated his finger and had it reduced by the ringside physician. He continued to compete but, after being defeated, claimed that he had too much pain from the procedure to perform well. The audience agreed that if a doctor is called on to do a procedure (such as joint reduction), the contest should be stopped at that point.**
- 3) A boxer had an obvious knee injury during a high profile match. He was unable to effectively bear weight on the one leg and was allowed to continue by the referee's decision, despite his corner's request to stop the fight. The audience concluded that the referee should involve the ringside physician more in deciding what to do for questionable injuries such as orthopedic trauma.**
- 4) A boxer was knocked out shortly after he was back on his feet after a brutal knock down. The video showed that the referee may not have done an adequate evaluation before allowing the fight to continue. The audience concluded that a brief, standardized exam should be taught to all referees in order to better evaluate whether or not a fighter can continue. This should include asking the fighter a simple question or two, making him/her walk 4 or 5 steps toward the ref (and possibly one lateral step) and, finally, stand with feet together or possibly criss-crossed. This concept will be presented at the ABC Conference in Washington, DC this coming summer.**