18th Annual AAOS Workers’ Compensation and Musculoskeletal Injuries: Improving Outcomes with Back-to-Work, Legal, and Administrative Strategies
November 4 – 6, 2016 • Chicago, IL
Course #3269
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AAOS Expert Witness: Solving the Legal Quagmire
Methods and Insights
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Bridge the gap between healthcare and workplace injuries

Orthopaedic surgeons and health care professionals turn to this established course to increase their effectiveness beyond clinical treatment to incorporate current legal, administrative, ethical, and insurance issues into handling workers’ compensation cases.

New topics and faculty offer current perspectives to causation, diagnosis, and treatment options to improve outcomes for work-related injuries. Learn effective strategies for handling the related non-medical issues such as utilization review, causation, report writing, medical liability, depositions, and communication skills with patients.

Morning sessions cover core topics such as causation, impairment, return-to-work and stay-at-work strategies, alternative treatments and occupational orthopaedics with panel Q&A. Select from more than 25 topics in concurrent afternoon sessions to meet your specific practice and patient care needs.

At the conclusion of this course, learners should be able to:

• Evaluate patients with musculoskeletal pain resulting from workplace injury and formulate a treatment plan with appropriate return-to-work guidelines
• Manage the administrative and legal requirements of workers’ compensation or medical liability cases.
• Compare and contrast surgical and nonsurgical treatment protocols for workplace injuries
• Identify how to avoid unnecessary disability
• Gain familiarity with impairment evaluations and reports
• Improve report writing and develop new skills in office management for work-related injuries
• Use science to document return-to-work decisions

Course Faculty

Joseph S. Barr Jr, MD
Robert J. Barth, PhD
Charles N. Brooks, MD
Kenneth Eichler
Marjorie Eskay-Auerbach, MD
David A. Fetter, MD
Ian B. Fries, MD
Mark H. Hyman, MD
Charles W. Kennedy, MD
Judge David Langham Wanda
K. Roehl, CSP
Naomi N. Shields, MD
Dan M. Spengler, MD
Richard E. Strain Jr, MD
James B. Talmage, MD
Keith M. White, PhD, CPE, CEM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Registration (4:00 pm – 6:00 pm)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Registration, Breakfast, and Exhibits  6:30 am – 7:15 am
Welcome and Announcements
Causation: Understanding Etiopathogenesis and Biostatistics
Medical Legal Conflicts
Questions and Answers with Panel
Barr, Brooks, Fries, Langham, Melhorn
Functioning with Upper Limb Conditions
Functioning with Lower Limb Conditions
Functioning with Spine Conditions
Questions and Answers with Panel
Barr, Brooks, Fries, Langham, Melhorn, Shields, Talmage

Lunch with Faculty, Exhibits, Roundtable Discussions, and Networking

CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS* (1:45 pm – 3:45 pm)

Causation: Upper Limb
Spine Controversies
Impairment Evaluations – Introduction and Upper
Complex Regional Pain Syndrome – What’s New?
Patient Selection for Surgery, Narcotics, Spinal Cord Stimulations, Pain Pumps, and Multidisciplinary Programs
Perfecting Your Legal Skills or “You have been Sued Regarding IMEs/Peer Reviews/Testimonies…” What Next?

CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS* (4:00 pm – 6:00 pm)

Causation: Lower Limb
Establishing an IME Practice
The Causality Examination – Physiological and Non-physiological Signs
You be the Judge – Examples for Upper Limb, Lower Limb, and Spine
AMA Guides and ADL-Activities of Daily Living

Directors’ Reception (6:00 pm – 7:00 pm)

Thank you for this scientific evidence-based course on an area of orthopaedic medicine that can be so “gray.”

– 2015 course participant

How to Register:
1. Online at aaos.org/3269 or aaos.org/3275.
2. Call AAOS Customer Service at 1-800-626-6726 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm CT. Outside U.S. dial +1-847-823-7186.
3. Print registration form at aaos.org/3269. Mail to AAOS, 9400 W. Higgins Rd., Rosemont, IL 60018. Or fax to 1-847-823-8125.

Obtaining CME Credit
Course participants must complete and submit an online evaluation form to receive CME credit.

Accreditation Statement
The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education (CME) for physicians.

AMA Credit Designation Statement
AAOS designates this live activity for a maximum of 25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™ for Course 3269 and 5.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™ for Course 3275. Physicians should claim only the credits commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Breakfast and Exhibits
Welcome and Announcements
Negotiation – Improve Your Communication Skills
The Insurer’s Perspective
Orthopaedic Medical Legal 101
Questions and Answers with Panel
   Barth, Brooks, Eskay-Auerbach, Melhorn, Roehl, Spengler, Talmage
Introduction to Slips, Trips, and Falls
Defining the Terms – What Was Really Meant
The Natural History of the Forensic Patient
Psychosocial Influences on Outcomes for Compensation and Litigation Patients
Questions and Answers with Panel
   Barr, Brooks, Fries, Langham, Roehl, Talmage, Yodlowski

Lunch with Faculty, Exhibits, Roundtable Discussions, and Networking

CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS* (1:45 pm – 3:45 pm)

Causation – Spine
Ask the Judge
Impairment Evaluations – Spine and Lower
Report Writing
Slips, Trips, and Falls

CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS* (4:00 pm – 6:00 pm)

Upper & Lower Extremity Imaging of the Musculoskeletal System: What Matters in Workers' Compensation
The Causality Examination – Physiological and Non-Physiological Signs
Psychometric Questionnaires for the Orthopaedist
Practical Applications of New Technology in an IME Practice
Chronic Pain
Patient Selection for Surgery, Narcotics, Spinal Cord Stimulations, Pain Pumps, and Multidisciplinary Programs

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Breakfast and Exhibits
Welcome and Announcements
Utilization Review – What Happens When Treatment is Denied?
Neuropathic Pain
Neuroscience / Your Brain
Questions and Answers with Panel
   Barth, Barr, Hyman, Melhorn, Talmage

CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS* (9:45 am – 11:45 am)

Treatment Guides – How, What, and Why
Is it Work Related? The Employer’s Perspective
Spine Imaging of the Musculoskeletal System: What Matters in Workers’ Compensation
Perfecting Your Legal Skills or “You have been Sued Regarding IMEs/Peer Reviews/ Testimonies...” What Next?
Biomaterials in Orthopaedics
How to Promote Musculoskeletal Education

*Participants will rotate through two 2-hour sessions each day.
Build your skills to provide expert witness testimony

Understand your role in medical liability and med-mal litigation cases. Faculty develops your skills in chart review, deposition, and testimony. Review the various medicolegal issues and the roles of all parties involved. Through panel discussions, mock trials, and a “court room” experience, learn to develop evidence-based testimony.

Then you’ll advance to topics on direct and redirect testimony and the unique demands placed on orthopaedic surgeons as an “occasional or frequent expert witness.”

At the conclusion of this course, learners should be able to:

• Evaluate the merits of medical liability and med-mal cases
• Prepare expert witness testimony supported by evidence-based literature
• Define the “standards of evidence” used by the trial judges
• Apply the AAOS Professional Compliance Program

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*Participants can choose one of the 90-minute sessions.

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October 20, 2016
Room Rates: $249 Single/Double
Occupancy (plus applicable taxes)
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