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Improving Outcomes with Back-to-Work, Legal and Administrative Strategies #3056
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DAILY SCHEDULE

CMEs: 25
as of July 20, 2017
Content and faculty subject to change

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

4:00 – 6:00 pm REGISTRATION

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

6:30 am REGISTRATION
Breakfast/Exhibits

7:15 Chapter 1
Welcome and Announcements
J. Mark Melhorn, MD

Moderator: J. Mark Melhorn, MD

7:30 Chapter 2
The Method of Evaluating a Causation Claim
J. Mark Melhorn, MD

9:00 Chapter 3
Science Meets Law - Forensics
Judge David Langham

9:30 Chapter 4
Questions and Answers
Panel: Drs. Barr, Brooks, Fries, Melhorn and Shields

9:45 Refreshment Break/Exhibits

Moderator: Ian B. Fries, MD

10:00 Chapter 5
The Method for Evaluating Work Ability - Upper Limb
Conditions
J. Mark Melhorn, MD
10:45 Chapter 6
The Method for Evaluating Work Ability - Lower Limb Conditions
Naomi N. Shields, MD

11:30 Chapter 7
The Method for Evaluating Work Ability - Spine Conditions
James B. Talmage, MD

12:15 pm Chapter 8a
The Doctor is excluded from Testifying - What Next?
Judge William Maupin

12:30 pm Chapter 8b
Questions and Answers
Panel: Drs. Barr, Brooks, Melhorn, Shields, Talmage

12:45 Chapter 9
Lunch/Exhibits/Networking

1:45 – 3:45 CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Participants will rotate through two 2-hour sessions each day.
See your group assignment below:

Red Group
A) The Method for Causation Analysis - Upper Limb
J. Mark Melhorn, MD

Yellow Group
L) Patient Selection for Surgery, Narcotics, Spinal Cord Stimulation, Pain Pumps, and Multidisciplinary Programs
Robert J. Barth, PhD

Blue Group
E) Controversies in Spine
Dan M. Spengler, MD and Richard E. Strain, Jr., MD

Green Group
H) Impairment Evaluations – Introduction and Upper
Marilyn L. Yodlowski, MD, PhD and Charles N. Brooks, MD

Orange Group
M) AMA Guides and ADL – Activities of Daily Living
Mark H. Hyman, MD

3:45 Refreshment Break/Exhibits
4:00 – 6:00

CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS
See your group assignment below:

Orange Group
B) The Method for Causation Analysis – Lower Limb
James B. Talmage, MD and David A. Fetter, MD

Red Group
I) Impairment Evaluations – Spine and Lower
Marilyn L. Yodlowski, MD and Charles N. Brooks, MD

Green Group
O) Ask the Judge
Judge David Langham and Joseph S. Barr, Jr., MD

Blue Group
G) You Be the Judge – Examples for Upper Limb, Lower Limb, and Spine
Richard E. Strain, Jr., MD and Marjorie Eskay-Auerbach, MD

Yellow Group
D) The Causality Examination – Physiological and Non-physiological Signs
Ian B. Fries, MD and Naomi N. Shields, MD

6:00
Course Adjourns for the Day
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

6:30 am Breakfast/Exhibits

7:15 Chapter 10
Welcome and Announcements
J. Mark Melhorn, MD

Moderator: Richard E. Strain, Jr, MD

7:25 Chapter 11
The Method for Negotiating Work Ability
J. Mark Melhorn, MD

8:25 Chapter 12
How Insurer’s Determine Claims
Wanda K. Roehl, CSP

8:45 Chapter 13
Pain in the Butt – What is It? (Sacro-Iliac Disease)
James B. Talmage, MD

9:25 Chapter 14
Questions and Answers
Panel: Drs. Barth, Brooks, Eskay-Auerbach, Melhorn, Spengler, Talmage, and Ms. Roehl

9:45 Refreshment Break/Exhibits

Moderator: Joseph S. Barr, Jr., MD

10:00 Chapter 15
The Natural History of Back Pain
Marjorie Eskay-Auerbach, MD, JD

10:20 Chapter 16
Defining the Terms – What Was Really Meant
Judge David Langham

11:00 Chapter 17
The Natural History of the Forensic Patient
Ian B. Fries, MD
11:40  Chapter 18
Patient-Reported History is Not Reliable
Robert J. Barth, PhD

12:20 pm  Chapter 19
Questions and Answers
Panel: Drs. Brooks, Fries, Strain, Talmage, Yodlowski, and Ms. Roehl

12:45  Chapter 20
Lunch/Exhibits/Networking

1:45 – 3:45  CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS
See your group assignment below:

**Yellow Group**
C) The Method for Causation Analysis - Spine
Marjorie Eskay-Auerbach, MD, JD

**Green Group**
J) Establishing an IME Practice
Marilyn L. Yodlowski, MD and Wanda K. Roehl, CPS

**Blue Group**
K) Complex Regional Pain Syndrome - Refresher
Robert J. Barth, PhD

**Orange Group**
O) Ask the Judge
Judge David Langham and Joseph S. Barr, Jr., MD

**Red Group**
E) Controversies in Spine
Dan M. Spengler, MD and Richard E. Strain, Jr., MD

3:45  Refreshment Break/Exhibits
4:00 – 6:00

**CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

See your group assignment below:

**Green Group**
F) Neck Pain: Epidemiology, Causation, Diagnosis (Exam and Imaging)  
*James B. Talmage, MD and J. Mark Melhorn, MD*

**Red Group**
P) Applications of New Technology in an IME Practice  
*Marilyn L. Yodlowski, MD*

**Blue Group**
S2) Psychometric Questionnaires for the Orthopaedist  
*Mark H. Hyman, MD*

**Yellow Group**
G) You Be the Judge - Examples for Upper Limb, Lower Limb, and Spine  
*Richard E. Strain Jr. MD and Marjorie Eskay-Auerbach, MD JD*

**Orange Group**
D) The Causality Examination – Physiological and Non-Physiological Signs  
*Ian B. Fries, MD and Naomi N. Shields, MD*

6:00 pm 

Course Adjourns for the Day
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

6:30 am Breakfast/Exhibits

7:00 Chapter 21
Welcome and Announcements
J. Mark Melhorn, MD

Moderator: J. Mark Melhorn, MD

7:15 Chapter 22
Ergonomics – Risk – Interpreting of Study Results
Kurt Hegmann, MD, MPH

8:00 Chapter 23
Chronic Pain: Scientifically Credible Risk Factors, Specifically for Legal Claims – A Refresher Course
Robert J. Barth, PhD

8:45 Chapter 24
The Methods of a Credible Expert Witness
Charles N. Brooks, MD

9:15 Chapter 25
Questions and Answers
Panel: Drs. Barth, Brooks, Hegmann, Hyman, and Talmage

9:30 Refreshment Break/Exhibits

9:45 – 10:40 CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS
See your group assignment below:

Blue Group
U) Is it Work Related? The Employer’s Perspective
Keith White, PhD

Red Group
E) Controversies in Spine
Daniel M. Spengler, MD and Richard E. Strain, Jr., MD

Green Group
Q) Guidelines and Utilization Reviews
Charles W. “Bud” Kennedy, Jr., MD and Ken Eichler

Yellow Group
S) BMI and Other Comorbidities
Joseph S. Barr, Jr., MD

Orange Group
W) What is That IME Report Really Saying?
Ian B. Fries, MD and Naomi N. Shields, MD
10:45 – 11:45  CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS
See your group assignment below:

Blue Group
V) Report Writing
   Mark H. Hyman, PhD

Red Group
E) Controversies in Spine
   Daniel M. Spengler, MD and Richard E. Strain, Jr., MD

Green Group
R) Slip, Trip, and Falls
   Charles N. Brooks, MD

Yellow Group
T) Opioids Update
   Kurt Hegmann, MD

Orange Group
X) Neuropathic Pain
   Robert J. Barth PhD

11:45 am Course Adjourns
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