Successfully integrate the clinical and non-clinical aspects of workers’ compensation

For nearly two decades, orthopaedic surgeons and other health care professionals have turned to this unique and practical course to develop and improve their approaches for handling the medical and non-medical components of workers’ compensation cases. Join us to learn the current legal, administrative, ethical, and insurance issues in your cases and how to address them.

Diverse faculty present current perspectives on causation, diagnosis, and treatment options to improve your outcomes for occupational injuries and illnesses. Learn effective strategies for utilization review, causation analysis, report writing, medical liability, depositions, and communication skills with patients.

- Morning sessions address causation, impairment, return-to-work and stay-at-work strategies, as well as alternative treatments and occupational orthopaedics.
- Afternoon concurrent breakout sessions offer choices to meet your unique practice and patient care needs.

“I have looked at this course offering for years and now, I wish I had taken it ten years ago.” – 2016 course participant

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
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2
Registration 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3
MORNING 6:30 am – 12:45 pm
Registration, Breakfast and Exhibits 6:30 am – 7:15 am
Welcome and Announcements
The Method of Evaluating a Causation Claim
Science Meets Law – Forensics
Questions and Answers with Panel
Barr, Brooks, Fries, Melhorn, Shields
The Method for Evaluating Work Ability
• Upper Limb Conditions
• Lower Limb Conditions
• Spine Conditions
Questions and Answers with Panel
Barr, Brooks, Melhorn, Shields, Talmage
Lunch with Faculty, Exhibits, Roundtable Discussions, and Networking
AFTERNOON 1:45 pm – 6:00 pm

CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS* 1:45 PM – 3:45 PM
The Method for Causation Analysis – Upper Limb
Patient Selection for Surgery, Narcotics, Spinal Cord Stimulation,
Pain Pumps, and Multidisciplinary Programs
Controversies in Spine
Impairment Evaluations – Introduction and Upper
AMA Guides and ADL – Activities of Daily Living

CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS* 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
The Method for Causation Analysis – Lower Limb
Impairment Evaluations – Spine and Lower
Ask the Judge
You Be the Judge – Examples for Upper Limb, Lower Limb, and Spine
The Causality Examination – Physiological and Non-physiological Signs

“This is consistently the best CME course I attend. It is relentlessly evidence based, with references provided, and is a good blend of updated and new material.” – 2016 course participant
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

MORNING  6:30 am – 12:45 pm
Breakfast and Exhibits
Welcome and Announcements
The Method for Negotiating Work Ability
How Insurers Determine Claims
Pain in the Butt – What is It? (Sacro-Iliac Disease)
Questions and Answers with Panel
Barth, Brooks, Eskay-Auerbach, Melhorn, Spengler, Talmage, Roehl
The Natural History of Back Pain
Defining the Terms – What Was Really Meant
The Natural History of the Forensic Patient
Patient-Reported History is Not Reliable
Questions and Answers with Panel
Brooks, Fries, Strain, Talmage, Yodlowski, Roehl
Lunch with Faculty, Exhibits, Roundtable Discussions, and Networking

AFTERNOON  1:45 pm – 6:00 pm

CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS*  1:45 PM – 3:45 PM
The Method for Causation Analysis – Spine
Establishing an IME Practice
Complex Regional Pain Syndrome – Refresher
Ask the Judge
Controversies in Spine

CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS*  4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Neck Pain: Epidemiology, Causation, Diagnosis (Exam and Imaging)
Applications of New Technology in an IME Practice
Psychometric Questionnaires for the Orthopaedist
You Be the Judge – Examples for Upper Limb, Lower Limb, and Spine
The Causality Examination – Physiological and Non-Physiological Signs
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

MORNING  6:30 am - 12:45 pm
Breakfast and Exhibits  
Welcome and Announcements  
Ergonomics – Risk – Interpreting of Study Results  
Chronic Pain: Scientifically Credible Risk Factors, Specifically for Legal Claims – A Refresher Course  
The Methods of a Credible Expert Witness  
Questions and Answers with Panel  
Barth, Brooks, Hegmann, Hyman, Talmage

CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS  9:45 AM - 11:45 AM

Is it Work Related? The Employer’s Perspective  
Controversies in Spine  
Guidelines and Utilization Reviews  
BMI and Other Comorbidities  
What is That IME Report Really Saying?  
Report Writing  
Controversies in Spine  
Slip, Trip, and Falls  
Opioids Update  
Neuropathic Pain  
*Participants will rotate through two 2-hour sessions each day

Course Faculty
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Kenneth Eichler, ODG  Naomi N. Shields, MD  
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Charles W. Kennedy Jr, MD
How to Register

1. **Online** at aaos.org/3056 or aaos.org/3683.
2. **Call** AAOS Customer Service at 1-800-626-6726 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm CT.
3. **Print** registration form at aaos.org/3056. Mail to AAOS, 9400 W. Higgins Rd., Rosemont, IL 60018. Or fax to 1-847-823-8125.

### Registration Fees

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*For AAOS members in active U.S. military duty only.

### Hotel

**Planet Hollywood Hotel & Casino**
3667 Las Vegas Boulevard South
Las Vegas, NV 89109
Phone: 866-317-1829

**Housing Reservation Deadline**: October 27, 2017

**Room Rate**: $199/night ($32.00 daily resort fee, plus tax)

### Obtaining CME Credit

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

### Accreditation

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

AAOS designates this live activity for a maximum of 25 **AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)**™ for Course 3056 and 5.5 **AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)**™ for Course 3683. Physicians should claim only the credits commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

### Course Cancellation Information

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AAOS Improving Your IME Report
November 2, 2017 • Las Vegas, NV

J. Mark Melhorn, MD, Course Director

Build your skills to successfully create and defend IME reports

Join this half-day training and review to gain clarity on the Independent Medical Examination (IME) report creation process. This valuable skill is rarely taught in residency programs. Faculty help evolve your skills in patient history, physical examination, IME report writing, impairment, and defense at deposition and trial.

Training includes faculty critique of actual IME reports. Attendees may submit their IMEs for consideration.

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

- Recognize the purpose of IME reports
- Establish specific steps for processing the history, record review, physical examination and clinical studies
- Understand how to incorporate impairment ratings in your reports
- Create a standard format IME report
- Develop skills to defend your IME report

AAOS IMPROVING YOUR IME REPORT 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Welcome and Announcements
Upper Limb IME Example Report
Spine IME Example Report
Upper Limb IME Example Report

Lower Limb IME Example Report
Faculty Panel Discussion
IME Summary, Report Writing, Q&A

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