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18th WORK INJURY CONFERENCE

The Reality of Workers' Compensation

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Conference & Learning Center
at U.S. Cellular Field
Chicago, Illinois

For 17 years, the Work Injury Prevention & Control Strategies Conference has been on the cutting-edge of Illinois Workers' Compensation issues. For the first time ever, the Work Injury Conference will be presented in Chicago.

Join the brightest minds in the industry who lead innovation in treating injured workers and improving the workers' compensation system.

Be a part of the solution in a multi-disciplinary reenactment of two simulated workers' compensation cases. Examine the reality of two cases and how it affects each stakeholder in the workers' compensation system. Gain insight on how these trends will affect you and future cases.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- Discuss the current issues facing the Illinois Workers' Compensation System and identify the key players who largely contribute to the success of the system.
- Provide an interactive forum that allows work injury leaders to be educated by experts and each other on the latest trends affecting our state's care of injured workers.
- Create networking opportunities for all participants in order to establish a better understanding of individual roles and how those roles generate positive change and improvement within the IWCC.
- Share new resources and technologies that will facilitate the management of workers' compensation claims and maximize recovery.
- Provide the employer with a framework that encourages work injury prevention at the corporate level while also suggesting the appropriate methods to use when responding to work injuries.
- Provide two case studies with solutions and recommendations for dealing with real vs. fraudulent chronic pain cases.
- Explore the overall impact of the 2005 workers' compensation fraud provisions.
- Educate attendees on recent trends in workers' compensation cases from the perspective of the petitioner and respondent attorneys.
- Understand the fundamental need for additional workers' compensation reform based on the viewpoints of the new acting chairman of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), Amy Masters.
- Should companies in Illinois take notice and lead the charge to provide quick resolution and management of workers' compensation cases by adopting a voluntary collectively bargained workers' compensation (VCBWC) agreement?

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Chronic regional pain syndrome, otherwise known as reflex sympathetic dystrophy (RSD) is even more challenging and expensive in a down economy further depressed by layoffs.

Case Study A

Injured Worker A suffers a crushing soft tissue injury to his left foot that leads to a three-year nightmare of chronic pain. He develops bona-fide RSD and peripheral nerve entrapment condition that is unremitting despite aggressive care, including extensive physical therapy, nerve decompression surgery, and installation of peripheral nerve stimulator. He overwhelms his first two nurse case managers before settling down with the third NCM who works to gain his trust to guide him on a path to recovery and dealing with a future that includes managing his chronic pain but offers hope.

Case Study B

Injured Worker B does not report any injury to his employer in 2002. He goes to the local ER with complaints that he injured his neck and shoulder trying to lift something. He is evaluated by the company physician who finds no objective findings and documents extensive symptom magnification with inconsistent FCE testing, psychological testing, and consultations with other specialists, who confirm there is nothing wrong with him. Despite nearly \$500,000 in medical treatment, his subjective complaints have not improved after eight years and he has not returned back to work.

► How will these cases come to resolution?

WORK INJURY CONFERENCE AGENDA

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Dr. David J. Fletcher – SafeWorks Illinois, Moderator

7:45 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Registration
8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	<i>Introduction</i> Dr. David Fletcher – Moderator
8:30 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.	<i>How to identify and manage RSD: Overview of two profile cases</i> Dr. Charles Bush-Joseph, Diane Newquist and Dr. Patricia Russell
9:10 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<i>How should these two cases be medically managed?</i> <i>Employer perspective</i> Beth Olson, Diane Stewart and Michael Weber
10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	<i>How should these two cases be medically managed?</i> <i>Legal/insurance perspective</i> Ronald Bensyl and James Roach
10:40 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.	BREAK
10:55 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.	<i>When is it appropriate to assign a Nurse Case Manager and what should the employer expect?</i> Diana Alvarez and Nancy Davis
11:25 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	<i>Approach to chronic pain management and psychological intervention: pain device utilization i.e. dorsal column stimulator</i> Dr. Asokumar Buvanendran, Dr. Michael Campion, Dr. Robert Lentz, Dr. Kern Singh and Dr. James Young
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	LUNCH
1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<i>When and how should you report workers' compensation fraud?</i> Eugene Keefe and Francis "Buzz" Walsh
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<i>Petitioner vs. respondent: how should the arbitrator rule? A mock trial</i> Kevin Luther, David Martay and Stephen Mathis, Arbitrator
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	BREAK
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	<i>Would adopting voluntary collectively bargained workers' compensation better suit your company's needs?</i> John Brining, Michael Holt, Amy Masters, David Menchetti, Marc Poulos and Doug Whitley
4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Conference Wrap-Up
4:45 p.m.	Reception

REGISTRATION

COST: \$120 per person before January 8th, 2010
\$100 per person when you register 2 or more
After January 8th, \$150 per person
Includes continental breakfast, lunch and conference materials.
Free Parking

REGISTER:

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SafeWorks Illinois c/o Work Injury Conference
Attn: Christie Volden
1806 N. Market Street
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☎ **Christie Volden** at **217.356.6150** to pay by credit card

All pre-registrations with payment must be received no later than Monday, Feb. 1, 2010.

- On-site registrations will be accommodated upon seating availability.
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