

## Industrial Insurance Medical Advisory Committee Meeting

### Minutes for January 27, 2011 Meeting

Topic	Discussion & Outcome(s)
Welcome & Introductions	<p><b>Members present:</b> Drs. Bishop, Chamblin, Friedman, Howe, Firestone, Harmon, Lang, Ploss, Sullivan, Tauben, Waring, Yorioka</p> <p><b>Members absent:</b> Drs. Carter and Zoltani</p> <p><b>L&amp;I staff present:</b> Dr. Franklin, Dr. Glass, Dr. Stockbridge, Simone Javaher, Jaymie Mai, Josh Morse, Reshma Kearney</p> <p><b>Members of the public present:</b> Bill Alkire, Alkire &amp; Associates; Dena Searce, attorney for Medtronic, Regine Neiders and Ryan Guppy, United Back Care; Dr. and Mrs. Firestone, four UW medical students/residents</p>
Review and approve minutes from 10/28/10 IIMAC meeting	ACTION TAKEN: Minutes were approved.
Report from Chronic Pain (CHPN) Subcommittee	Dr. Friedman reported that the subcommittee had continued with the literature review for CRPS diagnosis and was now moving on to treatment. A section on prevention has been added and we will be coordinating closely with claims on getting proper tests and treatment done with minimum of delay. Anticipate voting on CRPS guideline at April meeting and then moving on to L&I opioid guidelines.
Health Technology Program – state and national update	Leah Hole-Curry, director of WA State Health Technology program and member of the national Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), recently enacted by the Affordable Care Act, presented detailed information about how the program operates, its scope, and how it makes its decisions etc. Explained how scientific evidence is used in making recommendations. WA's HTA program is only one of its kind in the country. Also explained her role in the PCORI group.
Prospective study on spinal fusions	Gary Franklin informed IIMAC of interest in conducting a prospective comparative effectiveness study of injured workers undergoing spinal fusions. A bill (HB 1311) currently before the legislature, proposes forming a “public/private collaborative of health care payers and providers to address medical services of concern in terms of safety, efficacy and cost to identify evidence-based guidelines and strategies...” A study on back pain is mentioned, which could include a fusion study. The IIMAC did not have objections to this proposal.
Presentation to WA Self-insurers' Assoc	Dr. Lang gave brief report on his presentation to the WSIA, informing them of the IIMAC's work. It went over well.
Legislative Update	Josh Morse and Jaymie Mai provided a synopsis of bills that have been introduced to the legislature that L&I is tracking. Gary Franklin also informed IIMAC that Governor Gregoire has introduced a bill that would result in several reforms of the WC system. It was announced at a press conference in January and should be out soon. (It was introduced the next day: two companion bills HB 1686 and SB 5566).
Update on Opioid Issues	<p>New York City Dept of Health has issued a document, “Cautious Responsible Opioid Prescribing - Myths and Facts” about opioids and has issued three videos, all of which are available to the public. The IIMAC members voted to endorse the document when it is final.</p> <p>DOH has filed their recommended rule language and the public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at DOH at 3pm at Point Plaza East in Tumwater. There are several concerns about the language and members wished to draft some comments for suggested changes. This will be passed by committee for approval first and may be presented on behalf of IIMAC.</p> <p>L&amp;I is collaborating with UW to develop a training curriculum for primary care providers that will help them gain further expertise and experience in prescribing opioids safely.</p>



	<p>The target is to have this underway by the time the DOH rules are final (June 2011). L&amp;I has continued to work with DOH and DSHS on a mailer that would inform providers of the AMDG guideline's availability and features. The release of this will be timed close to the adoption date of the DOH rules.</p> <p>L&amp;I still plans to issue an educational letter to prescribers whose patients exceed 120 mg/day MED and will also coordinate this with other opioid education and regulation efforts.</p>
IIMAC Legislative Report	<p>Simone Javaher presented an outline of what the IIMAC legislative report might look like and a timeline for completing it. A draft will be circulated prior to the April meeting for input, with a final draft presented at the April meeting. Survey of questions was presented to members and they requested it be done electronically, which we will do.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Next meeting for the <b>IIMAC</b> is on April 28, 2011, 1-5pm <u>Location is:</u> Port of Seattle-Beijing Conf. Room/17801 International Blvd., Room 6012M Seattle, WA 98158 206.787.5698 (conference facilities).</p>