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Reducing Your Practice Headaches:



Industrial Medicine Tips for Treating Doctors

Saturday, December 8, 2007

7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF
OCCUPATIONAL AND
ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE

Location:

Department of Labor and Industries
Tukwila Service Location
12806 Gateway Drive
Seattle, WA 98168-1050
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ACOEM and the Washington State
Department of Labor and Industries jointly
sponsor this course.

Overview

This course was developed through the collaborative efforts of physicians and the Department of Labor and Industries in response to doctors' requests for assistance in handling workers' compensation claims and industrial conditions.

Participants will receive fundamental and complex clinical information that will immediately simplify daily care situations and improve patient management success. All doctors, no matter how long they have been in practice, can learn how to:

- Prevent workers' long term disability and
- Reduce their administrative burden by applying basic workers' compensation language and rules when working with claims managers, employers and vocational rehabilitation counselors.

Course Objectives

Participants will learn to:

- Apply best practices for diagnosis and treatment of industrially injured workers.
- Assess causality of the industrial injury or illness;
- Develop appropriate treatment plans that prevent disability by obtaining modified work, job modifications, etc. to assist patients in remaining employed during recovery;
- Identify early on and manage complicated care patients who may develop chronic pain or other clinically challenging behaviors and problems or long term disability;
- Evaluate and rate spinal impairment;
- Find the resources available to assist clinicians, e.g., consultations, vocational rehabilitation counselors, and check lists for claim closure;
- Use the most effective ways to communicate with insurers, e.g., through reports (accident and other reports) and by phone;
- Resolve conflicts of opinion with the State Fund and Self-Insured employers.

Faculty

Tim Gilmore, MD, Medical Director, Occupational Health Services, Group Health Cooperative. Seattle, WA

Karen Nilson, MD, Medical Director, Valley Medical Center, Center of Occupational Health and Education (COHE). Renton, WA

Hal Stockbridge, MD, MPH, Associate Medical Director, L&I, Tumwater, WA

Mark Sutton, DC, Private Practice; Approved Examiner. Tumwater, WA

Dave Threedy, JD, Adjudicative Law Judge, Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals. Olympia WA

Patricia Vincent, MA, CRC, Project Director, Valley Medical Center COHE. Renton, WA

Les White, DC, Private Practice; Internal Consultant to L&I; Approved Examiner; Approved Chiropractic Consultant. Seattle, WA

Planning Committee

Joanne McDaniel, MA, CCM, Provider Education Manager, L&I. Tumwater, WA

Hal Stockbridge, MD, MPH, Course Director, L&I

Les White, DC, Private Practice; Internal Consultant to L&I

Program Accreditation:

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the Joint Sponsorship of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine and Department of Labor and Industries. The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

ACOEM designates this educational activity for a maximum of 9.25 category 1 credits toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those credits that he/she actually spent in the activity.

NOTE: All MDs, DOs, DCs, ARNPs and PAs are encouraged to enroll.

All chiropractors who plan to apply for the Chiropractic Consultant Program during fall 2008, must attend this course.

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L&I Service Location, Tukwila WA

7:00 Registration

7:30 Welcome: Mark Sutton, DC

7:45 Opening a Claim

Speaker: Mark Sutton, DC

A. Accident Report

B. Starting Treatment in an Ongoing Claim

9:15 Managing Claims, Administrative

Speaker: Les White, DC

10:15 Break

10:30 Closing a Claim

Speaker: Mark Sutton, DC

A. Claim Closure Issues

B. Communication and Management Considerations

C. Maximal Medical Improvement

11:00 Reopening a Claim

Speaker: Les White, DC

A. Request for Reconsideration and Re-opening

B. Protests and Appeal

11:30 Claim and Account Center

Demonstration: What's New?

Speaker: Les White, DC

12:00 Lunch Provided



12:45 Best Practices Toolkit: Return to Work After Injury

Speakers: Karen Nilson, MD and Pat Vincent, MA, CRC

1:30 Workers' and Employers' Rights and Responsibilities, plus Tricky Situations

Speaker: Dave Threedy, JD, ALJ

2:00 Special Considerations for the Complicated Patient

Speaker: Tim Gilmore, MD

A. Definition, Importance & Early Recognition

B. Management in Primary Care

C. The Failed Primary Care Trial

2:45 Break

3:00 Special Considerations, Continued

3:45 Impairment Rating of Lumbar and Cervical Spine

Speaker: Hal Stockbridge, MD, MPH

5:00 Pearls of Learning

Speakers: Tim Gilmore, MD, Karen Nilson, MD

Hal Stockbridge, MD, MPH

Dave Threedy, JD, ALJ

Pat Vincent, MA, CRC

Les White, DC

5:30 Adjourn

**Early and safe
Return to work after injury
Makes good sense.**

Tuition: \$100 if postmarked on or before November 22, 2007. Add the \$25 late fee if postmarked on or after November 23, 2007.

Fee includes: educational materials, continental breakfast, lunch, beverages.

Make checks payable to: Department of Labor and Industries. Sorry, we cannot accept credit cards.

No confirmation will be sent. Your cancelled check is your verification of registration.

Refund Policy – *Written requests for a full refund will be allowed if postmarked on or before December 4, 2007. A \$25 administrative fee will be withheld.*

No refunds will be granted if requested at or after the seminar.

Location: Department of Labor and Industries Tukwila Service Location.

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For more course information,
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