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Wednesday, January 13, 2021

(All times Eastern Standard Time.)

10:00 – 10:15 am **Welcome and Interview with David Stills**
Global Risk Management Executive at Sedgwick Claims Management Services

10:15 – 11:10 am **Live Upper Extremity Surgery - Webinar**

Surgery Moderator:

Lawrence S. Halperin, MD
Orlando Orthopaedic Center
Orlando, FL

Surgeon:

Michael D. Riggenbach, MD
Orlando Orthopaedic Center
Orlando, FL

The 13th Annual Orlando Orthopaedic Center Live Surgery Event offers a unique interactive look into an operating room as Michael D. Riggenbach performs an upper extremity surgery. This surgical procedure will stream live from the Orlando Orthopaedic Outpatient Surgery Center with the help of moderator Lawrence S. Halperin. Dr. Riggenbach specializes in hand and upper extremity surgery, peripheral nerve surgery, microsurgery and pediatric hand surgery. Drs. Riggenbach and Halperin will explain the procedure step-by-step and answer questions from the audience. The goal of the presentation is to provide an in-depth education on upper extremity anatomy, all aspects of the joint that will be impacted by the surgery, and examine how the injury and recovery period affect day-to-day activity, employment restrictions and workers' compensation claims processing.

This educational event is brought to you by the Orlando Orthopaedic Center and the support of the following:

Live Surgery Prime Sponsors



11:10 – 11:25 am **Break Sponsored by TRIUNE Health Group**

11:30 – 12:30 pm **Multi-State Breakout 2**

WCDI A Multi-State Analysis of Common Compensability Issues Confronting WC Claims Handlers - Webinar

(Florida, Georgia, Illinois, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)

Moderator:

Caitlin Beyl, Attorney
McConnaughay, Coonrod, Pope, Weaver & Stern, PA
Jacksonville, FL/Thomasville, GA/
Savannah, GA

Individual State Presenters:

Florida:

Christopher G. McCue, Attorney
McConnaughay, Coonrod, Pope, Weaver & Stern, PA
Tallahassee, FL

Georgia:

K. Martine Cumbermack, Attorney
Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers, LLP
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Rich Lenkov, Attorney
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Jennifer Morris Jones, Attorney
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Raleigh, NC

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Regan A. Cobb, Attorney
Holder Padgett Littlejohn & Prickett, LLC
Mount Pleasant, SC

Tennessee:

Heather Hardt Douglas, Attorney
Manier & Herod, PC
Nashville, TN

While continuing the trend of offering workers' compensation topics and presentations to address current events and the interests of our attendees, the Multi-State Breakout will cover national and state specific workers' compensation issues in both a thought provoking and entertaining virtual format. Presented to you by law firms from the Workers' Compensation Defense Institute (WCDI), our expert panelists will facilitate a discussion of topics including employees' injuries at home, impairment/intoxication defenses and the impact of marijuana legalization, PTSD claims, and obtaining case closure.

12:30 – 12:45 pm Break Sponsored by Tampa General Hospital

12:45 – 1:45 pm Medicare Secondary Payer Checklist: How to Assess Your Current MSP Program and Ensure You Are Prepared for Upcoming Changes - Webinar

Sponsored by:



Speakers:

Robert L. Sagrillo
President, National Accounts and Settlement Consulting
NuQuest
Lafayette, CO



Jennifer M. Shymanski, J.D., CMSP-F
Vice President of Implementation and Strategy
NuQuest
Weston, WI



When was the last time you did an overall check on the health of your MSP compliance program? This session will walk you through what to look for when completing your assessment. And, make sure that you are prepared for future potential changes in the MSP compliance arena.

1:45 – 2:00 pm Break Sponsored by NeuLife Rehab

2:00 – 4:15 pm National Work Comp Review

2:00 – 2:50 pm THE NEW AMA Guides®: Webinar on Achieving Equitable Impairment Ratings via the Latest in Medicine

Panel:

David Sosnow
VP-Health Solutions
American Medical Association
Chicago, IL

Douglas W. Martin, MD
Medical Director, Unity Point Health – St. Luke's Occupational Medicine
Sioux City, IA

In 2019, following extensive industry feedback from physicians, state and specialty medical societies, regulators and other industry stakeholders, the American Medical Association (AMA) initiated a program to update and modernize the *AMA Guides*®—the authoritative source for impairment rating information and tools.

In this session, attendees will be among the first to learn about the substantial modernization and simplified utilization of the new and improved

AMA Guides®, directly from the source. Specifically, panelists will address the implications of COVID-19 on permanent impairment and the *AMA Guides*®, and proposed updates to *AMA Guides*® Chapter 14: Mental and Behavioral Disorders, including DSM-5, assessment tools and more.

2:50 – 3:05 pm Break Sponsored by HOMELINK

3:05 – 4:15 pm The Growing National Movement Toward Presumption Laws for First Responders: Running Toward the Fire? - Webinar

Moderator:

Kip Kubin, *Attorney*
President of the College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers
Martin Pringle Attorneys at Law
Overland Park, KS

Panel:

Neel Shah, MD
Northwest Cancer Center
Dyer, IN

Catherine Tanaka Surbeck, *Attorney*
Freedman & Lorry, PC
Philadelphia, PA

Judge Mark Siedlik
Chief Administrative Law Judge Kansas City/ St. Joseph Divisions, Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation
Kansas City, MO

Chris Landry, *Attorney*
The Monson Law Firm, LLC
Mandeville, LA

Presumption laws -- embracing more conditions -- now are ubiquitous: is science, or sympathy, leading the charge? Should we legislate liability both without fault, and now in some cases also without (scientific basis for) causation? What about similar risks and exposures for workers not favored by presumptions. Are we approaching an 'equal protection' day of reckoning?

In their analysis of selected state statutes, our panel gives a realistic assessment of whether some states' measures for rebutting presumptions are in practical effect illusory, thus increasing already questionable financial burdens on impacted employers, and whether, in the panelists' views, some states have gotten the mix just right.

Our national panel tackles this often fraught subject from all sides: bench, bar, physician and claims, via thought provoking presentation designed to shed light and facilitate debate for the benefit all interested stakeholders.

4:20 – 4:50 pm Zoom Social Sponsored by Frasco Investigative Services



Please hop on over to zoom and join us in wrapping up the WCIvirtual Reboot Series with an acoustic concert by WCI favorite, Jill's Cash Box! This talented band also boasts some industry favorites, Shannon Fetherman and Jeff Sweat with Frasco Investigative Services. Is there a special song you'd like to hear? Send in your song requests to cathy@wci360.com by Dec 28th! If the band announces your name and plays the song, you will win a complimentary registration to WCI2021! Reboot sponsors will also be raffling off prizes from those who attend both the a session from that day and join us for the concert. So share with your industry colleagues and friends, grab a coffee or a cocktail, and let's come together to have some fun!