

**THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC CONSULTANTS  
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Present for Re-certification \*\*  
2007 Annual Fall Conference

***Improving Decision Making Skills for the Independent Examiner and Case Reviewer***

October 11, 12 & 13, 2007

Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort  
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***Thursday Evening October 11, 2007 – For Early Arrivals***

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.      **Primer for the Case Review and Independent Medical Examination**  
Presenters:    *Steven Baker, DC, DABCO and Lawrence Humberstone, DC*  
**Description:** This presentation will provide a systematic approach to the case review and IME process including breaking down the file, organizing the documents, and identifying and considering the review questions. This will be followed by a moderated discussion focusing on case review and IME strategies, pitfalls and confounding circumstances.

***Friday, October 12, 2007 Main conference Begins***

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.      **Registration and Full Breakfast Buffet**

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.      **Blueprint for a better SAW/RTW Process: ACOEM's new Work Disability Guideline**  
Presenter:    *Jennifer Christian, MD, MPH*  
**Description:** ACOEM's newest guideline, "Preventing Needless Work Disability by Helping People Stay Employed," is a clear blueprint for a better stay-at-work and return-to-work process. Dr. Christian chaired the group of physicians who developed the guideline that explains what works and doesn't, and makes 16 common-sense recommendations. Learn about the SAW/RTW process and the key concepts underlying some of the Guideline's key recommendations.

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.      **Evidence-based clinical decision-making in return to work**  
Presenter:    *Jennifer Christian, MD, MPH*  
**Description:** This presentation will provide a conceptual framework and some clinical tools with which to approach return to work issues. After attending this session the attendee will be able to distinguish between medically-required, medically-discretionary, and medically-unnecessary work absence; employ four screening tests to analyze a situation and determine the issues that need to be addressed; know the four basic steps in formulating a work prescription; identify the major clinical questions that need to be answered to determine whether someone is able to work; name the kinds of evidence that are best relied on to answer each of those questions

10:00 – 10:15      **Networking Break**

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- 10:15 – 11:15 p.m. **Recognition and Management of Psychosocial Factors, and the Role of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy in Acute and Chronic Pain**  
Presenter: *Christine Gagnon, Ph.D*  
**Description:** Methods for recognizing psychosocial factors that would alter the management approach to acute and chronic pain including return to work and activity will be presented. Management of behavioral issues by the non-psychologist provider, and threshold for psychological referral will be addressed.
- 11:15 – 12:15 p.m. **Bringing Evidence-Based Medicine into the Independent Medical Evaluation Process**  
Presenter: *Michael Burke, DC, DABCO*  
**Description:** Complacency and failure to replace antiquated premises can be the downfall of an otherwise competent examiner. Dr. Burke will review valid and reliable methods for obtaining history and examination data, and will discuss current concepts and literature pertinent to the diagnosis and treatment of soft tissue injuries.
- 12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Networking Break / Lunch
- 1:15 – 3:00 p.m. **Determining Maximum Therapeutic Benefit (MTB)**  
Presenter: *Thomas Kosloff, DC*  
**Description:** The goal of this presentation and discussion is to provide an evidence-basis for the appropriate determination of maximum therapeutic benefit (MTB). After completing this program a chiropractic consultant will be able to consistently: a) determine when a sufficient trial of care has taken place; b) identify if meaningful clinical improvement has occurred; and c) assess for the probability of further meaningful improvement. The program will utilize evidence-based data on recovery patterns, the calculations of minimal clinically important change for outcome assessment tools commonly used in chiropractic practice and decision support criteria once MTB has been established.
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Coding Standards – Improving Physician Reviewer Competency in Evaluating Provider Coding (Part I)**  
Presenter: *Michael Miscoe, BS, CPC, CHCC, CRA*  
**Description:** This presentation will address how to identify the appropriate code usage rules when evaluating a provider's code utilization patterns. Reviewers often err by applying standards that are irrelevant to the carrier involved. While the HIPAA Transaction and Codeset standards of the 1996 Administrative Simplification Act (HIPAA) standardized the CPT/HCPCS codes and their descriptions, the rules for how these codes may be used are anything but standard. We will address AMA standards, CMS standards and common carrier standards for code usage as well as how to handle situations where no utilization rule is apparent for the involved carrier. We will review common errors with modality and procedure coding and a foolproof basis for evaluating any therapy related service.
- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Coding Standards – Improving Physician Reviewer Competency in Evaluating Provider Coding (Part II)**  
Presenter: *Michael Miscoe, BS, CPC, CHCC, CRA*  
**Description:** An objective scoring methodology for properly evaluating the level of E/M service will be presented. A complete written tutorial explaining this process and sample scoring forms will be provided. Time permitting, we will address several practical examples to demonstrate the process. Finally, we will address delegation

considering state licensure regulation, contract issues and documentation standards to justify an appropriate delegation.

*Friday, October 12, 2007 continued...*

- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.      **Return-To-Work: Medicolegal Aspects**  
Presenter:    *Warren T. Jahn, DC, MPS, FACO, DABFP, DABCC*  
**Description:** This presentation discusses the hows and whys of recommending returning an examinee to work and attempts to enlighten, guide, and reassure IME providers that most (though, admittedly, not all) of the anxiety can be eliminated. It will explore the various statutes that most commonly come into play, focuses on the relevant portions of them, and advises examiners on how to comply with them and stay out of trouble
- 6:30 – 7:30            **Social Hour with Cocktails and Appetizers**

*Saturday October 13, 2007*

- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.      **Full Breakfast Buffet**
- 8:00 – 9:15 a.m.      **Evidence-Based Medicine: Myths, Mishaps, and Miscellaneous Misadventures**  
Presenter:    *Craig Nelson, DC, MS*  
**Description:** Perhaps no term in recent history of health care has been more used, abused and otherwise misunderstood as the term “Evidence-Based Medicine” or EBM. It is feared by some as the cause of the destruction of the doctor/patient relationship and hailed by others as the answer to all that ails the health care system. This diversity of opinion is due, in part, to differing and erroneous views of what EBM means. But what does this really mean? How does an individual clinician or a case reviewer operationalize these principles? This presentation will explore some of the common misapplications of EBM to care management and explain how to avoid such misapplications. The presentation will then present a template for how the clinician or a reviewer can use the principles of EBM correctly to promote the highest level of patient care.
- 9:15 – 10:45 a.m.    **The Role of Chiropractic in the Pediatric Patient**  
Presenter:    *Randy Ferrance, DC, MD*  
**Description:** This presentation will provide a look at the evidence for interventions within the chiropractic domain for the pediatric population. Such topics as the efficacy and safety of manipulation in children in general, colic vs. the possibility of musculoskeletal pain in infants, and the most recent data on attitudes and beliefs of chiropractors regarding vaccines will be discussed.
- 10:45 – 11:00 a.m.    Networking Break
- 11:00 – 12:00 a.m.    **Dose-Response of Chiropractic Care for Chronic Low Back Pain and Headaches**  
Presenter:    *Mitch Haas, DC, MA*  
**Description:** This presentation will discuss the results of three randomized trials on dose-response of manipulation and chiropractic care. It will also cover the aims of a large low back pain trial that is currently underway. Generalizability of results to practice and study limitations will be discussed. These studies were funded through

grants from the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, National Institutes of Health.

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.      Networking Break / Lunch

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- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.      **Evidence-Based Practice and Integration of Clinical Prediction Rules into Patient Management**  
Presenter:      *Julie Fritz, PT, PhD, ATC*  
**Description:** The translation of research findings into routine clinical practice is known to be problematic in all areas of health care delivery. Recent research has advanced our understanding of the most effective management strategies for many common conditions such as low back pain, yet clinical practice continues to be characterized by a high degree of variability and sub-optimal outcomes. Clinical prediction rules are evidence-based decision-making tools that are designed to standardize clinical care and ultimately improve outcomes. The purpose of this course is to provide an update on evidence-based practice and the integration of clinical prediction rules into the management of patients.
- 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.      **CCGPP's Process and Progress**  
Presenter:      Jeffrey Cates, DC, MS, DABCO, DABCC  
**Description:** This presentation will provide information on the **Council on Chiropractic Guidelines and Practice Parameters'** literature selection and rating process, content and status of each section, and will identify key best practices important to the provider/clinical reviewer.
- 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.      **DOT Examination – The Current Basics**  
Presenter: *Micheal Megehee, DC*  
**Description:** DOT Examination- The Current Basics  
Presenter: Michael Megehee, DC  
Description: Details of the components of the examination will be presented. FMSCA standards, advisory criteria, and medical guidelines will be addressed.

*3 hours of continuing education for Thursday evening and 18 hours for the main conference program on Friday and Saturday applied for in all 50 states*

#### **SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS**

Steven Baker, DC, DABCO, DABCC	Mitchell Haas, DC, MA
Michael Burke, DC, DABCO	Lawrence Humberstone, DC
Jeffrey Cates, DC, MS, DABCO, DABCC	Warren Jahn, DC, MPS, FACO, DABFP, DABCC
Jennifer Christian, MD, MPH	Thomas Kosloff, DC
Randy Ferrance, DC, MD	Max Megehee, DC
Julie Fritz, PT, PhD, ATC	Michael Miscoe, BS, CPC, CHCC, CRA
Christine Gagnon, PhD	Craig Nelson, DC, MS

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\*\* Program qualifies for 21 hours toward ABCC, and 19 hours toward ABFP diplomate re-certification hours.