

**THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC CONSULTANTS
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Present for Re-certification **
2008 Annual Fall Conference

Clinical Guideline Assessment and Application for the Independent Forensic Examiner and Case Reviewer

October 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2008

Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort
3500 Midwest Rd., Oak Brook, IL 60523
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Thursday Evening October 2, 2008 – For Early Arrivals

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Case Review and Independent Medical Examination

Facilitators: Warren Jahn, DC, MPS, DABCO, DABFP, DABCC
Leanne Cupon, DC, DABFP, DACRB, DABCC

Description: This program will consist of brief presentations and facilitated discussion addressing various situations encountered by the chiropractic consultant/examiner. Topics slated for discussion include healing time frames for soft tissue injuries and estimating maximum therapeutic benefit, analysis of the Myovision technology and clinical application claims, identifying bias in narrative report writing, and the temporal assessment of chart entries.

Friday, October 3, 2008 Main conference Begins

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Registration and Full Breakfast Buffet

8:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Assessing the Evidence for Prognosis and Management of Whiplash Associated Disorders

Presenter: *Pierre Côté, DC, PhD.*

Description: The goal of clinical care following whiplash injuries is to reduce symptoms, improve function and return patients to good health. To achieve this goal, interventions must be effective, delivered at the right time and in the right amount. In this presentation Dr. Cote will use data from large Canadian cohort studies of patients with whiplash injuries and the results from the Bone and Joint Decade 2000-2010 Task Force on Neck Pain and its Associated Disorders to discuss the impact of clinical care on the course and prognosis of whiplash injuries.

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Injury Causation Analysis

Presenter: *Elizabeth Genovese, MD, MBA, FACOEM*

Description: Musculoskeletal pain is widely prevalent in the general population, especially with aging, and usually occurs in the absence of any clear-cut precipitants. Yet when musculoskeletal disorders (MSD) occur in the context of an injury, even when a considerable amount of time has elapsed, a causal relationship is assumed to exist. This lecture will review commonly accepted criteria for the analysis of causation, discuss their application to patients with MSD, and begin a dialogue regarding situations when “intolerance” of specific activities, or life circumstances other than actual injuries per se, are the “true” cause of symptoms.

Friday, October 3, 2008 (Continued)

- 10:45 – 12:00 p.m. **The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) Clinical Practice Guideline**
Presenter: *Elizabeth Genovese, MD, MBA, FACOEM*
Description: The ACOEM Clinical Practice Guidelines (APG), first published in 1997, are now undergoing their second revision and are increasingly used as a basis for determining the reasonableness and necessity of care. This lecture reviews the purpose and methodology of the APG, how they have changed over time, and the high points of the recently published low back and chronic pain guidelines with particular emphasis upon how these relate to chiropractic care and the use of “skilled non-medical therapies” in general.
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 – 3:45 p.m. **Evidence Based Medicine, Clinical Guidelines & Professionalism: What Works, What Doesn’t and Why it Matters**
Presenter: *Stephen, Perle, MS, DC and Craig Nelson, DC, MS*
Description: It is estimated that there are 10,000 papers published weekly in the biomedical literature. From this unmanageable set of papers it is intended that scientifically valid and clinically relevant papers will be identified and distilled such that evidence based practice guidelines will be created. These guidelines would provide clinicians with a short cut to best practices and thereby reduce the variability in clinical practices. This promise has not been fulfilled. Guidelines have been received with very limited acceptance by practitioners, particularly within the chiropractic profession and have had limited impact on provider behavior. This presentation will explore the reasons for the limited success of clinical guidelines including: 1. Failure to understand and promulgate the basic tenets of Evidence-Based Medicine; 2. The effects of professional autonomy on guideline acceptance; 3. The poor performance of clinical scientists and guideline developers in providing guidelines that are valid and relevant to clinicians and understandable and useful to patients.
- 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. **The Official Disability Guideline (ODG)**
Presenter: *Ingrid Pederson*
Description: This presentation will provide background information on the Work Loss Data Institute, and the development, implementation and update processes of the Official Disability Guidelines (ODG). This will include a focus on the literature synthesis process and how this literature was rated and applied to actual treatment recommendations pertinent to musculoskeletal care. Proven outcomes resulting from implementation of the ODG will also be discussed.
- 4:45 – 6:15 p.m. **The Council on Chiropractic Guidelines and Practice Parameters (CCGPP)**
Presenter: *Cheryl Hawk, DC, PhD*
Description: The Council on Chiropractic Guidelines and Practice Parameters (CCGPP), was charged by the Congress of Chiropractic State Associations (COCSA) to create a chiropractic “best practices” document. Toward that end, the Scientific Commission of CCGPP was charged with developing literature syntheses, organized by anatomical region as well as other topics relevant to chiropractic practice. The literature syntheses evaluated the extant literature according to a structured evaluation process based on commonly used evaluation protocols. On the topic of chiropractic management of low back disorders, an additional step toward a “best practices” document was taken. A formal Delphi consensus process was conducted in order to fill in the gaps in the literature, using established methods, including those developed by the RAND corporation. This presentation will outline the methods for both the literature syntheses and this low back consensus document, and summarize their findings.
- 6:30 – 7:30 **Social Hour with Appetizers**

Saturday October 4, 2008

- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. **Full Breakfast Buffet**
- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. **A Critical Look at Non-evidence Based Resources and Guidelines in common use for Whiplash Associated Disorders.**
Presenter: J. Michael Burke, DC, DABCO
Description: A number of resources are used by chiropractors to assist determinations of prognosis and treatment needs from cervical trauma due to motor vehicle accidents. Unfortunately the quality of this information is often lacking and has not been subject to critical review. This presentation will review commonly cited resources, with a focus on the Croft Guidelines, and discuss their validity and utility. Evidence, or lack thereof, for rating injury severity due to low impact accidents and for diagnoses such as mild traumatic brain injury and post traumatic fibromyalgia will also briefly be discussed. Finally, the question of iatrogenesis as a cause of chronic whiplash syndrome is considered.
- 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. **A Comprehensive Review of the Soft Tissue Literature: Applications to Chiropractic Practice**
Presenter: Michael Schneider, DC, PhD
Description: This presentation will provide an overview of the results of a recently completed comprehensive online search of the soft tissue literature that focused on three commonly seen conditions; myofascial and muscular pain, fibromyalgia syndrome, and tendinopathy. Evidence tables and ratings for the most commonly applied treatments by chiropractors will be presented along with a discussion about the appropriate application of these therapies within a chiropractic context. A focus of this presentation will be an update on the cold laser literature as it pertains to management of myofascial pain and tendinopathy, with a discussion about the question of whether the literature base for this therapy has crossed the critical evidence threshold from “investigational” to “acceptable”.
- 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **Development and Application of Knowledge Based Systems for Assessing Bodily Injury and Medical Claims**
Presenter: Thomas McCarthy
Description: Claim adjusters and non-clinical personnel are often called upon to monitor and adjudicate claims after a bodily injury. Databases and software applications have been created to assist non-clinical persons charged with these duties so that informed decisions can be made. This presentation will provide insight into the development and use of software systems to assess bodily injury and claim issues. Part of this discussion will address limitations and potential abuses of this technology.
- 11:15 – 12:00 a.m. **AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment 4– 6th Editions – Evolving Concepts and Transitioning**
Presenter: Warren T. Jahn, DC, MPS, FACO, DABFP, DABCC
Description: This presentation will provide an overview of key evolutionary concepts within the *AMA Guides to Permanent Impairment*, with a focus on the 6th edition released in December 2007. The latest edition of the *Guides*, unlike earlier editions, uses a methodology based on the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) and ratings are based primarily on a specific diagnosis, that are further refined by information related to functional status, physical examination findings, and the results of clinical testing. Dr. Jahn will describe how the *Guides* have adapted to new understandings in the area of impairment rating, and how these concepts were introduced in new editions to the *Guides* published in 1993, 2000 and 2007.
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Break / Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:00 **The Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research (FCER) and Strategies for Dissemination and Adoption of Evidence and Best Practices**
Presenter: Charles Herring, DC
Description: This presentation will describe resources developed by the FCER to assist the clinician with literature review and identification of the best scientific information and clinical practices for conditions common to the chiropractor. Information about available databases and how to research them to find the best clinical information about patient care will be provided. Efforts to stimulate adoption of the best evidence by chiropractors, and development of a research agenda by the FCER using input from practicing chiropractors will be discussed.

Saturday October 4, 2008 (continued)

2:00 – 3:00

Identification of Aberrant Practices and Health Care Fraud

Presenter: *Howard Levinson, DC*

Description: Chiropractic consultants involved in medical record review and/or Independent Medical Examinations may discover issues relating to fraud/abuse. The consultant must understand the legal requirements for fraud, be able to identify the fraudulent activity, and know how to report these findings. The consultant should be cognizant of common fraud/abuse trends within the chiropractic provider community and be able to interact with the client, investigative units and law enforcement. This presentation is designed to assist the chiropractic case reviewer with these issues, and to gain an appreciation for cooperative healthcare fraud investigation.

3:00 – 5:00

Common Documentation and Reporting Errors Encountered in Bodily Injury Case Review

Presenter: *Michael Miscoe JD, CPC, CHCC*

Description: This presentation will identify coding and documentation errors common to bodily injury cases, and often seen with chiropractic case review. Documentation and choice of the proper rules for the usage of various coding applications will be addressed including:

- Identifying error requires identifying the rules that define how services are to be coded. Auto vs. Third Party Liability Cases.
- When to apply HCPCS Code Classifications such as laser (S8948 vs. 97039), decompression (S9090 vs. 97012), and electrical stimulation (G0283 vs. 97014)
- Common errors such as:
 - Coding of services beyond the area of involvement
 - Common bundling problems such as separate E/M service reporting with modifier 25, and the use of the 59 modifier with manipulation/manual therapy/massage, and group vs. direct one on one services.
 - Commonly miscoded services including neuromuscular reeducation, attended vs. supervised electrical stimulation and modality vs. procedure related errors
 - Errors related to the prescription and the use of TENS including diagnostic application, prescription issues and appropriate modifiers

*8 hours of continuing education for the Thursday morning/afternoon program***, 3 hours for the Thursday evening session, and 17 hours for the main conference program on Friday and Saturday applied for in all 50 states*

* The College on Forensic Sciences is a subsidiary of the Council on Chiropractic Orthopedics (CCO) of the American Chiropractic Association (ACA).

** Thursday evening, and Friday and Saturday program qualifies for 20 hours toward ABCC, and 20 hours toward ABFP diplomate re-certification hours.

*** See separate flyer for details of an additional 8 hour program on Thursday morning and afternoon October 2nd available free to doctors registered for the main conference. This program focus is rehabilitation in chiropractic practice, and soft tissue injury management, and is co-sponsored by NCMIC Insurance Company. Attendees for this portion of the seminar, and who are NCMIC policy holders are eligible for 5% professional liability insurance premium discount.

Main Conference Speakers:

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