



2015 SPRING MEETING AGENDA

Friday, April 10, 2015
Valley River Inn, Eugene, Oregon
9:00 AM - 3:15 PM

- 8:30 - 9:00 AM ***Registration and Networking***
- 9:00 - 9:15 AM ***President's Welcome***
- 9:15 - 10:30 AM ***From Pills to Pot – Effective Strategies for Managing Prescription Medications and Marijuana***
Gary Olbrich, MD
Thomas Busch, Attorney at Law, MacColl Busch Sato
The use of prescription medications in treating injured workers is nothing new, but there are more potent medications being used and for longer periods of time. Addiction and pain medicine specialist Dr. Gary Olbrich and attorney Thomas Busch will discuss the efficacy of prescription medication and marijuana use in the management of medical conditions and how to best handle those claims where ongoing prescription drug use is contraindicated.
- 10:30 - 10:45 AM ***Coffee Break and Networking***
- 10:45 – 12:00 PM ***WC Legal Update***
Stephan Sherman, Attorney at Law, MacColl Busch Sato
Julia Hier, Attorney at Law, MacColl Busch Sato
There have been recent, significant, changes in the Oregon courts' interpretation of workers' compensation law. Long-held and basic concepts to claim processing have changed which could impact employers' exposures for the payment of medical and disability benefits on a claim. During this presentation we will discuss these major changes, the effect they have on employers, and steps an employer may be able to take to help limit claim costs.
- 12:00 - 1:15 PM ***Lunch and Networking***

1:15 – 3:00 PM

Return to Work Toolbox

Moir Pryzbylowski, RTW Specialist, CIS

Jamie Iboa, Risk Claims Manager, City of Eugene

Eugene Revier, Firefighter/Medic, City of Eugene

- Why early return to work?
- Who are the players; internal and external?
- What is the role, process, and strategy of the return to work specialist?
- Why are job descriptions important for early return to work?

Come learn the answers to these questions, learn about the opportunities to prevent employment liability claims, and gain other “tools” to assist in your early return to work program. Also hear first-hand from an injured worker who was able to successfully return to his regular job after participating in his employer’s early return to work program.

3:00 - 3:15 PM

Wrap Up and Adjourn

