

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

NEW MODELS IN DISABILITY PREVENTION

- Explain the primary factors that affect positive return to work outcomes
- Identify three key characteristics of successful RTW intervention programs
- Describe two barriers to improved physician-based disability prevention
- Learn about new ways to prevent workers disability

CURRENT OSHA NEWS

- Discuss the current activities and new standards, guidelines and interpretations that may impact occupational medicine
- Obtain updates on regulations and recent rulings.

CURRENT ISSUES IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION

- Apply the Colorado traumatic brain injury guidelines to a case
- Explain the changes to the medical fee schedule
- Describe current impairment rating tips

HEALTH HAZARDS IN METHAMPHETAMINE LABS

- Describe chemical exposure associated with methamphetamine laboratories and the potential health effects
- Identify how to protect from adverse exposures
- Explain the health hazards in methamphetamine labs
- Be informed of the magnitude of the potential exposures to phosphine, hydrogen chloride, iodine, anhydrous ammonia, solvents and methamphetamine and the health effects associated with these compounds
- Realize the exposures to children associated with methamphetamine laboratories and the potential health effects that may be associated with their presence at the lab

UPDATE IN MALPRACTICE ISSUES FOR PHYSICIANS

- Identify current issues in physician malpractice

THE LUMBAR DISC REPLACEMENT

- Differentiate exacerbation causation of back problems and understand the implications for this distinction
- Be able to explain the dramatic paradigm shift taking place related to the etiology of disc degeneration and low back pain

- Re-evaluate the practice of attributing disc degeneration and other structural changes to occupational loading conditions, based on current knowledge of genetic and other influences

CERVICAL AND LUMBAR DISC REPLACEMENT

- Discuss the clinical indications and status of cervical and lumbar disc replacement surgery

SPINAL STENOSIS - IF IT AIN'T BROKE...

- Identify the clinical and imaging criteria for surgical decompression for spinal stenosis
- Differentiate the patients who would be a candidate for micro-surgical decompression, decompression plus fusion, and decompression plus soft stabilization procedures
- Explain the alternatives in nonsurgical and surgical treatment and their prognosis for the patient
- Be familiar with some of the newer technologies for decompression, fusion and instrumentation in the spinal stenosis patient
- Identify how spinal stenosis affects treatment options

THE SPECTRUM OF ROTATOR CUFF PATHOLOGY - WHEN DOES IT NEED TO BE FIXED

- Identify patients for whom conservative measures for rotator cuff pathology should be initiated and those who require further diagnostic test and/or referral to a shoulder specialist
- Learn about the diagnose of rotator cuff pathology and what is needed to fix it

KNEE-EVALUATION AND REPAIR OF INTERNAL DERANGEMENTS OF THE KNEE

- Identify knee internal derangement and what can be repaired
- Diagnose and manage knee injuries

KNEE PART II - IT'S JUST WORN OUT

- Evaluate degenerative knee
- Determining activity level
- Identify treatment options