

**Friday, September 10th, 2010**

**7:00 am – 1:00 pm**

# **We Keep America Working!**



Seminar presented by:



## **From Injury to Resolution Proper Utilization of IMEs & FCEs For Illinois Claims**

*The seminar will conclude with a panel discussion to include: Orthopedic Surgeon, Attorney, Arbitrator, Workers' Compensation Commissioner, Physical Therapist, etc.*

**Location:**



**NIU Naperville**  
Illinois

# SEMINAR AGENDA



## NIU Naperville Illinois

1120 E Diehl Road  
Naperville, Illinois 60563

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Applied for 4 Continuing  
Education Credit Hours.

## Friday, September 10th, 2010

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

### **REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST**

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

### **TARGETED FCE- LEADING TO CASE RESOLUTION**

By Surekha Bhangare, PT

President, Midwest Rehabilitation Services, Ltd.

Discuss the standard FCE, Vs Targeted FCE and its pros & cons in obtaining case resolution

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

### **OLD FRIENDS AND NEW DIRECTIONS**

*Role of Sincerity of Effort Testing in FCE*

By Darrell Schapmire, MS

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

### **BREAK**

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM

### **Closing the Medical-Legal Credibility Gap: Optimal IMEs**

How doctor choice and definitive IME opinions backed by sound medical explanation help you help settle problematic cases.

By Tom Ebenreiter, President, Woodlake Medical Management

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

### **Independent Medical Evaluation of the Hand and Wrist**

Walk attendees through an Independent Medical Evaluation of an injury to the hand/wrist.

By John J. Fernandez, MD

Hand, Wrist & Elbow

*Assistant Professor, Rush University Medical Center*

11:45 AM – 12:00 Noon

### **Illinois Workers Compensation Commission Update**

A brief update will be given on the IWCC followed by an opportunity for attendees to ask questions.

By Mario Basurto, Commissioner

12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM

### **PANEL DISCUSSIONS / QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

Mario Basurto, Commissioner; Stephen Mathis, Arbitrator; John Fernandez, MD; Paul A. Krauter, Attorney at Law; Surekha Bhangare, PT, Darrell Schapmire, MS and Tom Ebenreiter.

## SPEAKER INFORMATION



### **SUREKHA BHANGARE**

Physical Therapist  
President,  
Midwest Rehabilitation Services

**Surekha Bhangare, PT** is the president and founder of Midwest Rehabilitation Services, Ltd., a provider of physical and occupational therapy services for the Chicagoland area for the past 25 years. She has been a licensed physical therapist since 1978 and had served as treasurer of the IPTPPF for the past 15 years. In 1993 she was nominated for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award. She introduced the WorkSTEPS® system to the Chicagoland area in 2000. Since then she has helped over 28 clients reduce their workers compensation costs through services provided by Midwest Rehab.



### **Darrell Schapmire**

Exercise Physiologist  
Owner,  
Industrial Rehabilitation Consultants

Darrell Schapmire has a graduate degree in exercise physiology from Benedictine University (Lisle, IL). He conducts FCEs in 13 locations in Illinois through his testing company, Industrial Rehabilitation Consultants, Hopedale, IL. His interest in improving the assessment of effort led him to develop the X-RTS Hand Strength Assessment and obtain two *pro se* patents, one of which is for the X-RTS Lever Arm, a product that is now in use in 25 states. He is an organizer of a research initiative and a contributing author in the publication of six primary research studies related to the objective classification of function and validity of effort.



### **Tom Ebenreiter**

President,  
Woodlake Medical Management

Tom Ebenreiter has worked in the IME industry since 1985. Trained as an educator at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, and after 7 years of teaching, he segued to the medical-legal world as a sales and marketing rep. He later

founded Woodlake Medical in 1994 and has been involved in every aspect of the business, including scheduling, medical records, accounting, sales, marketing, and quality assurance. He has recruited and worked with doctors in 7 states, making him an indispensable resource to both clients and physicians. By developing a superb staff of IME professionals he and his staff have grown a small startup company into a major player in the upper Midwest IME market, servicing almost every insurance carrier and a great number of law firms.



### **Dr. John J. Fernandez, MD**

Hand, Wrist & Elbow  
Assistant Professor,  
Rush University Medical Center

An Ohio native, **Dr. Fernandez** graduated magna cum laude from the University of Akron Ohio and then graduated salutatorian from the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine in 1990. He served his residency and internship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and his fellowship in hand and microvascular surgery at renowned Indiana Hand Center. Dr. Fernandez is board certified in Orthopaedic Surgery. His clinical interests include hand trauma and microsurgery.



### **Mario Basurto**

Commissioner  
Illinois Workers' Compensation

Commissioner Mario Basurto has served as a business representative on the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission since March 1, 2005. Commissioner Basurto received his B.A. degree in political science from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. He received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1993, where he served as the president of the Latino Law Students Association. Following law school, Commissioner Basurto worked at a small plaintiff and petitioner's firm. He spent the last ten years prior to joining the Commission as a trial lawyer for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. In addition to his litigation duties, he also served as an assistant supervisor. He has 12 years of litigation experience. During the five years prior to his appointment to the Commission, Commissioner Basurto also chaired Cook County Mandatory Arbitration Hearings.

# REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return this form to reserve your place. Please type or print clearly. For multiple registrations, please photocopy and send a separate form for each registrant.

This is a **Complimentary Seminar**; however registration is required to reserve the space! Case Managers - applied for 4 Continuing Education Credits Hours.

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**Registration Form – Fax to: (952) 641-5788;  
or e-mail to shelli@woodlakemedical.com**

Registration Deadline: September 1st, 2010

**For more information, please contact:**

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