



**THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL
NORTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE
Raleigh Convention Center • Wednesday, October 10 - Friday, October 12, 2018
AGENDA & PROGRAM**

Registration on site begins at 10:00 a.m. • The Conference Program begins at 1:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018

- 1:00 **Opening Remarks**
Charlton L. Allen, Chairman, NCIC, Raleigh, NC; Dana P. Genheimer, President & Marketing Chair, Kids' Chance of North Carolina, Inc., Raleigh, NC
- 1:15 **2018 Executive Secretary Section Update**
Meredith Henderson, Executive Secretary, NCIC, Raleigh, NC; Michael Kelly, Special Deputy Commissioner, NCIC, Raleigh, NC
- 1:45 **2018 Deputy Commissioner Section Update**
Sumit Gupta, Interim Chief Deputy Commissioner, NCIC, Raleigh, NC; Ashley M. Moore, Deputy Commissioner, NCIC, Raleigh, NC
- 2:15 **2018 Compliance & Fraud Investigative Update**
Bryan Strickland, Director Compliance & Fraud Section, NCIC, Raleigh, NC
- 2:45 **Break**
- 3:00 **The Nuts & Bolts of Obtaining Independent Medical Examinations and Second Opinions**
Annemarie Pantazis, Attorney at Law, Pantazis Law Firm, Charlotte, NC; Jeffrey Kadis, Attorney at Law, Hedrick Gardner, Charlotte, NC; Meredith Henderson, Executive Secretary, NCIC, Raleigh, NC; Jay Tillman, Deputy Commissioner, NCIC, Charlotte, NC
- 4:00 **Use of Opioids and Other Pain Management Treatment under the New Rules**
Christopher Grubb, M.D., East Carolina Anesthesiologists, Greenville, NC; Victor Farah, Attorney at Law, Farah & Cammarano, P.A., Raleigh, NC; Daniel Pope, Attorney at Law, Wilson Ratledge PLLC, Raleigh, NC
- 5:00 **Adjourn and Reception Begins**
Kids' Chance Silent Auction bids accepted until 6:00 p.m..
- 6:15 **Reception Ends**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018

- 8:00 **Continental Breakfast**
Concurrent Break-Out Sessions:
- 9:00 **Break-Out Session** – Choose one session of (2) listed below.
 - I. Best Practices for Drafting and Submitting Proposed Opinion and Awards to the Commission**
Gina Cammarano, Attorney at Law, Farah & Cammarano, P.A., Raleigh, NC; M. Pierce Sandwith, Attorney at Law, Lewis & Roberts PLLC, Raleigh, NC; Tom Perlungher, Deputy Commissioner, NCIC, Greenville, NC; Layla Santa Rosa, Law Clerk, NCIC, Raleigh, NC
 - II. Diabetes and How It Can Adversely Affect Recovery**
Eric Patten, RN, BSN, Executive Clinical Director, One Call Care Management, Jacksonville, FL
- 10:00 **Break**
- 10:20 **Break-Out Session** – Choose one session of (2) listed below.
 - I. Administrative, Expedited, or Emergency: Navigating the Medical Motion Process through N.C.G.S. § 97-25(f) and Rule 609A**
Sumit Gupta, Deputy Commissioner, NCIC, Raleigh, NC; Michael Kelly, Special Deputy Commissioner, NCIC; Kevin Bunn, Attorney at Law, Kevin Bunn Attorney at Law, PC; Webster Harrison, Attorney at Law, McAngus Goudelock & Courie LLC, Raleigh, NC
 - II. Analytics to Improve Outcomes and Identify Best Providers to Treat Injured Workers**
Linda Lane, President, Harbor Health Systems, Newport Beach, CA

- 11:20 **Break-Out Session** – Choose one session of (2) listed below.
 - I. Finding Resilience in Your Life and Career**
(Fulfills ethics CLE & CEU requirements for attorneys and adjusters)
Jim Blackburn, Jim Blackburn Seminars, LLC, Raleigh, NC
 - II. Integrating Claims Handling & Case Management on Catastrophic Claims**
Judith Luebke, Claims Manager, Corvel, Raleigh, NC; Kari Altman, Case Management Manager, Corvel, Raleigh, NC
- 12:20 **Lunch**
- Concurrent Break-Out Sessions:**
- 1:45 **Break-Out Session** – Choose one session of (2) listed below.
 - I. Hiding in Plain Sight**
(Fulfills substance abuse/mental health CLE requirement for attorneys)
Jim Blackburn, Jim Blackburn Seminars, LLC, Raleigh, NC
 - II. Ethical Boundaries in Medical and Vocational Case Management and the Opioid Utilization Rules**
(Fulfills ethics requirement for CCM, CRC, and CDMS)
Caron Cross, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Owner/President, Cross Case Management, Inc., New Hill, NC; Keven Wilberding, Vice President, Ambassador Service Group, Raleigh, NC
- 2:45 **Break**
- 3:00 **Break-Out Session** – Choose one session of (2) listed below.
 - I. Recent News from Industrial Commission Filers: Update from the Clerk's Office and Claims Administration Section**
Emily Baucom, Clerk, NCIC, Raleigh, NC; Asia Prince, Director of Claims Administration, NCIC, Raleigh, NC
 - II. Leveraging the New Neuroscience of Pain for Injured Workers**
Dr. Jeff Hathaway, CEO, BreakThrough Physical Therapy, Cary, NC; Dr. John Groves, CEO, Fit for Work, San Antonio, TX
- 4:00 **Adjourn**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018

- 8:00 **Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 **A View from the Chairman**
Charlton L. Allen, Chairman, NCIC, Raleigh, NC
- 9:30 **Best Practices and Strategies for Investigating a Workers' Compensation Claim**
Stephanie Gay, Vice-President, Claims Manager, Aegis Administrative Services, Inc., Raleigh, NC; Holland Ferguson, Attorney at Law, Oxner + Permar, Charlotte, NC; Larry Baker, Attorney at Law, Willson Jones Carter & Baxley, PA, Charlotte, NC
- 10:30 **Break**
- 10:50 **The Physician's Role in the Return to Work Process**
Dr. Richard Moore, EmergeOrtho, Wilmington, NC; Stewart Poisson, Attorney at Law, Poisson Poisson Bower, PLLC, Wilmington, NC; Michael Ballance, Attorney at Law, Dickey, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C., Raleigh, NC
- 11:50 **Case Law Update**
Vernon Sumwalt, The Sumwalt Law Firm, Charlotte, NC; Bruce A. Hamilton, Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorbam, LLP, Raleigh, NC
- 1:00 **Adjourn**

The Conference will be held at the Raleigh Convention Center located at 500 South Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27601; Tel: (919) 996-8500. For further information contact the IWCF office at Tel: (386) 677-0041; Fax: (386) 677-0155; Email: IWCF@bellsouth.net; or International Workers' Compensation Foundation, 570 Memorial Circle, Suite 320, Ormond Beach, FL 32174.