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Division of Workers Compensation:
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40th Annual Workers Compensation Seminar a Success



Pictured above: Roger Fincher, JD, Bryan, Lykins, Hejtmanek & Fincher, PA presenting, Ethical Dilemmas and the Cases that Cause Them.

Highlighted topics included: *Prevailing Factor, Compensability of Traumatic Neurosis Claims Under the New Law, Medicare Secondary Payer Compliance in Workers Compensation Cases, 6th Edition AMA Guides and Work Disability and Functional Capacity Evaluation.*



Kristi Schmidt and Veronica Cooper assisting attorneys at the continuing education table.

Our thanks to all those who made the 2014 40th Annual Workers Compensation Seminar a great success. The event hosted 615 attendees, 54 sponsors and 95 exhibitors on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

The seminar was attended by 268 attorneys, 86 nurses and 39 Certified Case Managers. Continuing education staff also helped to document proof of attendance for 40 attendees who will file for credits with occupations which were not pre-approved.



General Session at the 2014 seminar.



Attendees and exhibitors networking during the day one seated luncheon.

It could be several years before an attendee needs to submit continuing education documentation. Reissuing credits received from past seminars can be done for up to five years from the date attended. Contact Shirley.Hastings@dol.ks.gov for more information.

Planning will begin soon for the 41st Annual Workers Compensation Seminar scheduled at the Overland Park Convention Center on Sept. 29 & 30, 2015.

Submit suggestions about topics, speakers and program changes to Shirley.Hastings@dol.ks.gov.



Medical Fee Schedule Changes Posted in November

The Medical Services section administers the Division of Workers Compensation's fee schedule for provision of medical services to injured workers. The section revises the fee schedule on a biennial basis. This assures that the fee schedule is reasonable and promotes health care cost containment, yet ensures the availability of necessary treatment and care for injured employees.

The changes to the medical fee schedule will be posted on the section's [website](#) in November and go into effect in January 2015.

Fast Facts

- A complete list of 2015 Workers Compensation Board Hearing dates and locations can be found at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/WebBoardHearing.aspx.
- Statutes written within the Kansas Workers Compensation Act allow certain employers to elect in or out of coverage under the Act. The Election Process is detailed. Read the general rules for elections and find instructions on how to complete them online. Send questions to WCEmployerServices@dol.ks.gov.
- The Employer Services section can explain posting requirements, timely submissions of accident reports, election information, insurance requirements, general compliance with workers compensation laws and regulations and more. Send questions to WCEmployerServices@dol.ks.gov.
- 2014 Workers Compensation Seminar Download Handouts has closed. Handouts are still available to attendees on request. Send requests to Shirley.Hastings@dol.ks.gov.
- The Division posts info on the Department of Labor's Facebook page each Friday and as news develops. Follow us on www.facebook.com/KansasDOL. Catch up with us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/KansasDOL and re-tweet info on to your friends.
- A complete list of 40th Annual Workers Compensation Seminar sponsors can be found at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/Appreciate2014.aspx.
- Kansas Workers Compensation strongly recommends that ICD-10 be employed for billing purposes on the CMS-1500 form, or an equivalent form containing the same information.
- The 6th Edition American Medical Association (AMA) *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment* will be adopted by the state of Kansas in 2015. The guides recognize the importance of environmental factors and contain a new system of categorization. The change will take effect Jan. 1, 2015.

