Tactics for Tough Cases: A Multi-dimensional Approach

Case examples demonstrating the power of the bio-psycho-social-economic (BPSE) model of sickness and disability to expand our understanding of the causes and cures for “tough cases” in workers’ compensation.

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Awareness is growing that the saddest and most expensive workers’ compensation claims often begin as common every-day health problems—back, neck, and knee sprains, for example. Though the COHE program intervenes early to prevent this from happening, some injured workers are already far down the line. It is time to become more curious whether there are potentially remediable features in these tough cases. Is there anything we can still do?

As a result of attending this session, attendees will be able to:

• Decide whether to adopt a BPSE approach to managing tough cases.
• Describe some of the specific reasons why seemingly minor injuries and illnesses gradually evolve into catastrophic medical and life events.
• Discuss the literature on the connection among adverse childhood experiences, adult poor health, high medical care costs, job problems, and early death.
• In practice, recognize a variety of evidence-based causes and employ some under-utilized resources that can improve outcomes in these cases.

Speaker Bio

Jennifer Christian received her MD and MPH from the University of Washington and is board certified in occupational medicine. She is co-founder, president, and chief medical officer of Webility Corporation and chair of the non-profit 60 Summits Project. A Fellow at the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM), Dr. Christian chaired groups that developed guidelines on preventing disability by helping people stay employed and on physicians’ roles in helping patients return to work. She has served as the chair of the Work Fitness and Disability Section of the ACOEM since 2001.
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