

## **ANNOUNCING THE WCRA'S UPCOMING DYNAMIC SEMINAR!**

### **Strategic Solutions to Chronic Pain Management**

In the past decade there has been a significant amount of effort put into containing rising medical costs especially focusing on the 5 percent of lost-time claimants who have a diagnosis of chronic pain. In many cases, pain medication for these claimants rose to or exceeded \$1,000 a month. These claimants now account for 1/3 to 1/2 of all claims costs. What can be done to better manage these claims? This seminar, hosted by WCRA, will offer some practical approaches to chronic pain management claims from the workers' compensation perspective.

**When: Thursday, September 30, 2010  
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Where: Mendakota Country Club, Mendota Heights, MN**

**Cost: \$50 per person (includes lunch)**

This seminar is designed for claims, legal, and rehab professionals involved in the management of workers' compensation and who have an interest in enhancing their knowledge and understanding of pain management. Topics and speakers will include:

- **Monitoring and Managing Chronic Pain from an Insurer's Perspective**  
Dr. Doug Smith, Medical Director, RTW Inc.  
Pat Sheveland, VP Product Development, Quality and Compliance; RTW Inc.
- **Maximizing the Resources of Your Pharmacy Network to Manage Chronic Pain**  
Ralph Kendall, PharmD, VP of Clinical Services, Healthesystems
- **Prescription Drugs and the MSA: Understanding CMS's New Prescription Drug Policies**  
Barbara J. Fairchild, Senior Account Executive, NuQuest/Bridge Point

**Keynote speakers: Dr. Suzanne Novak and Dr. Wm. Nemeth.** Dr. Novak is the lead author of the low back and chronic pain chapters in the Official Disability Guidelines (ODG). She brings a unique perspective to the issue of pain management and the many modalities that purport to improve the injured worker's condition. Dr. Nemeth is the former Medical Director of the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission and is now a practicing addictionologist. He will be addressing the problem of overtreatment and the strong financial issues that can result in irresponsible pain management.

The WCRA has applied for 5 CEUs through CDMS, CRCC, and CCM.

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