



Un-Ringing the Bell: Diagnosis and Treatment in Concussion and Brain Injury

Agenda

**Thursday, October 13, 2022
7:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saint Clements Castle & Marina
1931 Portland-Cobalt Road, Portland, CT**

7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.: **Registration**
Prince Edward Grand Foyer

Breakfast
Waterford Room

8:30 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.: **Introduction**
Prince Edward Ballroom

Speaker
Robert Bystrowski, Morrison Mahoney LLP, Hartford

8:35 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.: **Session A**
Prince Edward Ballroom

Speaker
Stephen Conway, MD, Hartford Neurology, Hartford

You Will Learn

Starting with pathophysiology of concussion and the concept of PCS, Dr. Conway will address factors to consider when evaluation and diagnosing a concussion or PCS and its potential relationship to a work injury. He will explain why facts at the time of injury are so critical to the analysis used to assess compensability. Is LOC required to have TBI or concussion diagnosed? What are the necessary considerations?

9:35 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.: **Session A Continued**
Prince Edward Ballroom

Speaker
Stephanie Alessi-LaRosa, MD, Hartford Healthcare, Hartford

You Will Learn

Beginning with brief coverage of the brain network and brain A&P including concussion and PCS; Dr. Alessi-Larosa will address the definition of a brain injury, and what is required to reach the diagnosis and to assess the relationship of the diagnoses to a work injury. Is LOC one of those requirements? How brain injury is typically treated? How is her practice different, given a subspecialty in sports medicine, from the typical neurologist evaluating and treating a concussion? She will address vestibular therapy and other treatment modalities.



10:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: **Break**

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.: **Session B**
Prince Edward Ballroom

Video Presentation

Robert Lesser, MD, The Eye Care Group, Waterbury

You Will Learn

To speak about visual disturbances caused by TBI/concussion. What is/are the mechanism(s) that cause(s) injury, or aggravation to the anatomy of the eye and disturbance to the eye-brain connection? What conditions are found? E.g. diplopia/convergence insufficiency, floaters, detached retina. Focus on causation and treatment to include prism glasses and visual therapy as well as any other options.

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.: **Session B Continued**
Prince Edward Ballroom

Speaker

**Marc Eisen, MD, PhD, The Ear Specialty Group of Connecticut/
The Dizzy Clinic, Farmington**

You Will Learn

To address diagnosis and management of ear and dizziness issues that can result from head injury. Problems that will be discussed include tinnitus, hearing loss, BPPV and dizziness.



11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.: **Q & A**
Prince Edward Ballroom

Speakers

Hon. Peter C. Mlynarczyk, State of Connecticut Workers' Compensation Commission, Hartford

Hon. Soline M. Oslena, State of Connecticut Workers' Compensation Commission, Norwich

Stephen Conway, MD, Hartford Neurology, Hartford

Stephanie Alessi-LaRosa, MD, Hartford Healthcare, Hartford

Marc Eisen, MD, PhD, The Ear Specialty Group of Connecticut/ Dizzy Clinic, Farmington

John D'Elia, D'Elia Gillooly Depalma LLC, New Haven

Brian Smith, Goff Law Group, West Hartford

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.: **Lunch**
Waterford Room

1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.: **Session C**
Prince Edward Ballroom

Speaker

Kevin Young, PhD, Institute of Living, Hartford

You Will Learn

To address the role of neuropsychology evaluations in concussion evaluation and management. He will address best practices in evaluating/diagnosing concussion, expected medical trajectory and complications that can arise, such as premorbid psych issues, cognitive function and behavioral issues. Address whether the work injury is a substantial causative factor in the need to treat or simply ancillary. What information is necessary in order to have a valid neuropsychological exam and how does it assist with evaluating causation and treatment.



2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.:

Session C Continued
Prince Edward Ballroom

Speaker

Alfred Herzog, MD, Institute of Living, Hartford

You Will Learn

Evaluation and treatment of traumatic brain injury/concussion from a psychiatrist's perspective; how has that treatment changed over the last 5 to 10 years; what is the importance of comorbidities and their impact on causation and treatment? The inherent conflict in being a psychiatric treater in the workers' compensation forum.

2:45 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.:

Break

2:55 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.:

Session D
Prince Edward Ballroom

Speaker

Arnold Holzman, PhD, ABPP, Behavioral Health Consultants LLC, Hamden

You Will Learn

To address relevance of prior history and comorbidities in evaluating and treating traumatic brain injury/concussion from the perspective of a therapist; when do you have to deal with pre-existing conditions and comorbidities, and how do you accomplish that. How does one parse what has been traumatically caused; traumatically aggravated and what would have been there regardless of injury? The inherent conflict in being a psychological treater in the workers' compensation forum.



3:40 p.m. to 4:10 p.m.:

Session D Continued

Prince Edward Ballroom

Speaker

Anthony Silver, Gray Matters CT, Westport

You Will Learn

How can quantitative EEG help to confirm a traumatic brain injury/concussion has occurred, what is the science to support the validity of this assessment, has it been verified as admissible in court and how does it help confirm or deny the existence of TBI. Examples of diagnostic imaging and the cost of the testing to the parties.

4:10 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.:

Session D Continued

Prince Edward Ballroom

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You Will Learn

Thoughts from the bench on concussion and brain injury cases.



4:25 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.:

Q & A

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5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.:

Reception

Waterford Room

