

NORTH JERSEY WORKERS' COMPENSATION EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR 2025

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23-24

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North Jersey Workers' Compensation Seminar 2025

SEMINAR PROGRAM

Thursday, October 23, 2025

5:30pm-6:00pm Participant Registration / Lite Bites & Refreshments

Salon C

6:00pm-7:00pm **Failed Back Syndrome (FBSS) - Learning From Failed Back Cases**

Charles A. Gatto, MD – *The Advanced Spine Center*

Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon / Fellowship Trained: Disease, Disorders, and Surgery of the Spine

- Determine Strategies for the Avoidance of FBSS
- Understand the Indications and Limitations of Surgical Intervention
- Determine the Proper Work-Up of a Patient with Post-Operative Symptoms
- Understand the Options for Treatment of the True FBSS Patient

Salon A

7:00pm-8:30pm Cocktail Dinner Buffet

8:30pm-9:00pm Raffles Prizes

Friday, October 24, 2025

Salon A

7:30am-8:15am Registration and Hot Buffet Breakfast

Salon C

8:15am-8:30am Welcome Announcements

8:30am-9:30am **Knee Giving You Problems? A Case- Based Approach to Workers' Compensation for Knee Injuries**

Tri-County Orthopedic Panel

Stephen A. Hunt MD, - Presenter

Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon / CAQ in Sports Medicine

Wayne A. Colizza, MD

Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon / Fellowship Trained in Reconstructive Joint Surgery and Sports Medicine

Andrew A. Willis, MD

Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon / CAQ Sports Medicine and Hand Surgery

David M. Epstein, MD

Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon / Fellowship Trained in Sports Medicine and Foot & Ankle Surgery

- Understand relevant Knee anatomy & common work-place injuries
- Discuss complexity of determining causality of knee injuries
- Discuss Management of knee injuries (Non-surgical and Surgical)
- Discuss return to work progressions

Salon C

9:30am-10:30am **Ankle Injuries: Evaluation, Management, Surgical Indications, & Return to Work Guidelines**

David M. Epstein, MD – *Tri County Orthopedics*

Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon / Fellowship Trained in Sports Medicine and Foot & Ankle Surgery

- Assess severity and grade of ankle sprains, fractures and syndesmotom injuries
- Identify appropriate surgical indications for non-operative & operative management
- Review guidelines and timeframe for ankle sprains, fractures and syndesmotom injuries

10:30am-11:00am **Break - Exhibits**

11:00am-12:00pm **That's the Way the Shoulder Crumbles: Top Workplace Shoulder Injuries**

Tri-County Orthopedic Panel

Charles Wang, MD - Presenter

Board-Eligible Orthopedic Surgeon / Fellowship Trained in Sports Medicine and Shoulder Surgery

Andrew A. Willis, MD

Wayne A. Colizza, MD

David M. Epstein, MD

Stephen A. Hunt, MD

- Discuss top shoulder injuries in the workplace
- Review nonoperative and operative treatment options for common shoulder injuries
- Discuss rehabilitation protocols for common shoulder injuries (Non-surgical and Surgical)
- Review injury prognoses and general return to work timelines

Salon A

12:00pm-1:00pm **Buffet Lunch**

Salon C

1:00pm-2:00pm **Interventional Physiatry and Pain Management in the Treatment of Spine and Related Musculoskeletal Conditions**

Charles A. Gatto, MD – Moderator

Ian W. Wendel, DO – *Tri-County Orthopedics*

Board Certified in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine / Registered in Musculoskeletal Sonography

Philip J. Rubinfeld, MD – *New Jersey Pain Management*

Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice

Jennifer Yanow, MD – *JLS Pain Management*

Board Certified Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation / Fellowship Trained in Pain Management

- Understand the Role for Physiatry and Pain Management in Diagnosis and Treatment
- Determine the Diagnostic and Treatment Utility for Different Interventional Procedures
- Discuss the Role for Spinal Cord Stimulation (SCS) in Palliative Pain Care

2:00pm-3:00pm **Legal Updates in Workers Compensation**

Penelope Caamaño, Esq. – *Capehart & Scatchard*

Workers' Compensation Attorney Specialist

- Learn how the Parking Lot Amendment affects the Premises Rule
- Learn what revisions were made to the Strokes and Heart Attacks Statute
- Understand how the COVID Presumption impacts Essential Employees

3:00pm-3:30pm **Raffle Prizes**

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