

NORTH JERSEY WORKERS' COMPENSATION EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR 2026

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

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North Jersey Workers' Compensation Seminar 2026

SEMINAR PROGRAM

Friday, October 30, 2026

Salon B&C

8:00am – 8:45am Registration and Hot Buffet Breakfast

Salon A

8:45am – 9:00am Welcome Announcements

Salon A

9:00am – 10:00am Funny Bone, Serious Problems: Recognizing Common Workplace Elbow Injuries
Kenneth D. Montgomery, MD – Tri County Orthopedics / Orthopedic Surgeon / NY Jets Football Team
Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon / Fellowship Trained in Sports Medicine and Surgical Management of Hand, Upper Extremity, and Knee

- Recognize the typical presentation and mechanisms of common occupational elbow injuries
- Differentiate between elbow injuries requiring urgent intervention versus conservative management
- Understand treatment pathways, recovery timelines, and return-to-work considerations

10:00am – 11:00am Spine Injury Evaluation in WC: The Keys to Obtaining a Quality WC Evaluation and Writing a Pervasive Report
Charles A. Gatto, MD – The Advanced Spine Center
Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon / Fellowship Trained: Disease, Disorders, and Surgery of the Spine

- Review the Critical Points of Initial Evaluation
- Understand Mechanism Evaluation and Causation Determination
- Learn Objective Evaluation Techniques for Symptom Magnification and Malingering
- Determine the Proper use of Studies and Non-Operative Treatment in Spine

Salon B&C

11:00am – 11:30am Break – Exhibits

Salon A

11:30am – 12:30pm The Causation Conversation: Real Cases, Real Decisions
Tri-County Orthopedic Panel
Wayne A. Colizza, MD - Moderator
Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon / Fellowship Trained in Sports Medicine and Reconstructive Joint Surgery / Past Chief of Joint Replacement and Sports Medicine at Morristown Medical Center
Charles Wang, MD
Board-Eligible Orthopedic Surgeon / Fellowship Trained in Sports Medicine and Shoulder Surgery
David M. Epstein, MD
Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon / Fellowship Trained in Sports Medicine and Foot & Ankle Surgery
Stephen A. Hunt, MD
Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon / CAQ in Sports Medicine

- Discuss the information that helps Orthopedic Surgeons make better decisions (Dr. Wang)
- Evaluating causation in foot & ankle injuries (Dr. Epstein)
- Review the connecting symptoms in hip injuries to the workplace (Dr. Hunt)

Salon B&C

12:30pm – 1:30pm Buffet Lunch

Salon A

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Pain Management in the Evaluation and Treatment of WC Spine Injuries

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

- Review the Evaluation of Lumbar Spine Back Pain (Dr. Wendel)
- Understand the role of Intra-Articular Facet Injections and Facet Nerve Ablations in the treatment of Spinal Pain (Dr. Yanow)
- Review the role of Spinal Cord Stimulation in Palliative Pain Care (Dr. Rubinfeld)

2:30pm – 3:30pm

Workers' Compensation in New Jersey

Jennifer Cottell, Esq. – Capehart & Scatchard

Workers' Compensation Attorney Specialist

- Learn whether the employer is responsible for an aggravation or exacerbation of a pre-existing condition
- Learn the main defenses to claims
- Learn the difference between risks associated with employment and personal risks that determine compensability

Salon B&C

3:30pm – 4:00pm Raffle Prizes

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