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**OBJECTIVES**

- Upon completion of this program, participants should be able to:
- Provide a strategy to help make IME and Workers Compensation a productive and satisfying experience
  - Update on methods of ethical and efficient handling of IME and Workers Compensation responsibilities.
  - To review the fundamentals of IME & Workers Compensation with emphasis placed on the rehabilitative aspects.

*Program Chairperson: E. Byron Marsolais, MD, PhD*

7:30 am **Buffet Breakfast and Business Meeting**

7:55 am **Opening Remarks**  
*John Hsu, MD, President*

**SCIENTIFIC SESSION**

*Moderator: E. Byron Marsolais, MD, PhD*

8:00 am **Jacquelin Perry Award Paper and Presentation**

8:20 am **Vernon Nickel Award Paper and Presentation**  
 The Effect of Sitting Pressure on Ischial Blood Flow in Spinal Cord Injured Patients vs. Non-Injured Controls  
*Nicholas O. Noiseux, MD, FRCSC*

8:40 am **History of the Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Association**  
*John Hsu, MD*

8:55 am **The Orthopaedist's Role in Life Care Planning**  
*Karen Seale, MD*

9:10 am **Break**

**SYMPOSIUM: USER FRIENDLY APPROACH TO IME AND WORKERS COMPENSATION**

9:25 am **Ethical considerations in Evaluative and Forensic Medicine**  
*Wilton H. Bunch, MD, PhD*

9:55 am **The Expert Witness: an evidence based approach**  
*Peter J. Mandell, MD*

10:25 am **The Independent Medical Evaluation**  
 Clinical assessment of the claimant and report  
*Thomas G. Grace, MD*

10:55 am **Objectivity vs. Subjectivity in claims of spine related "disability"**  
*Robert H. Haralson III, MD, MBA*

11:25 am **Lunch Break**

**SYMPOSIUM II:**

*Moderator: E. Byron Marsolais, MD, PhD*

**Workers Compensation**

12:30 pm **Legal perspectives on the claimant, primary treater, and independent evaluator**  
*Jeffrey S. Watson, JD*

1:00 pm **Understanding Causation in Workers' Compensation**  
*J. Mark Melhorn, MD*

2:00 pm **Applying Causation Issues in Workers' Compensation**  
*J. Mark Melhorn, MD*

3:00 pm **Return to work – Benefits for the Patient**  
*J. Mark Melhorn, MD*

4:00 pm **Adjourn**