

May 15-17
San Marcos, TX

June 27-29

Irving, TX

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2018 Texas Workers' Compensation Conference Agenda

Tuesday, May 15 (San Marcos) Wednesday, June 27 (Irving)

Registration 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Opening and Welcome 12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. **General Session** 12:45 p.m.-1:45 p.m.

The Integration of Safety, Medical, and Claims Functions to Improve Outcomes in Workers' Compensation - Edward Bernacki, M.D., Dell Medical School (San Marcos)

Fundamentals of Pain Management - Graves Owen, M.D., Texas Pain Society (Irving)

Breakout Sessions

2 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

- Safety Program Fundamentals for New Safety Coordinators
- Fall Protection for All Industries
- Ethics in Claims Handling

Reception 4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16 (San Marcos) Thursday, June 28 (Irving)

Continental Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Opening Remarks 8:25 a.m.

General Session 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Workers' Compensation in a Gig Economy - Brad Nail, Uber; Albert Betts, ICT; Dan Paschal, DWC

Breakout Sessions

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

- Synthetic Drugs & Natural Substances
- Telemedicine
- Achieving Safety Excellence
- Case Management

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- First Responders Claims Handling
- Employer Liability Exclusive Remedy
- Make Return to Work Work
- Latest Trends in the Texas Workers' Compensation System

Lunch 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

- Who's Who at Your Workers' Comp Carrier
- Telemedicine
- OSHA Update
- Employer Rights & Responsibilities/WC Fundamentals

2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

- Where to Go for Free Help with OSHA Compliance
- Cognitive Behavioral Pain Management: Effective Pain Control Without Pills
- Experience Modifiers
- Case Management

General Session 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Transportation Safety Panel - Marc D. Williams, TxDOT (San Marcos); Lisa Robinson, NSC; Paul Atchley, Ph.D., University of S. Florida (Irving); Kelly Selman, TxDOT (Irving); Kyla Retzer, NIOSH, Karen Puckett, DWC (moderator)

Thursday, May 17 (San Marcos) Friday, June 29 (Irving)

Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. **General Session** 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Disaster Recovery Panel - Melissa Hield, TDI; Doug Huddleston, OSHA, Stephen Vollbrecht, SORM; Doug McAndrew, Concentra (Irving)

Breakout Sessions

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

- Cognitive Behavioral Pain Management: Effective Pain Control Without Pills
- Active Shooter
- Behavioral Based Safety in the Millennial Generation
- Life of a Claim Dispute Resolution

General Session 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Workers' Compensation Fraud, DWC Fraud and Embedded Prosecutor Program - Tim Riley, DWC; Patricia Evora, DWC; Donna Crosby, DWC

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