

Robots, Lawyers and Opioids - Pain Management in 2015

EDUCATIONAL EVENING SEMINAR

WHEN:

Monday 23rd MARCH 2015

6.30pm for 7.00pm start

9.30pm finish

WHERE:

Warragul Country Club

41 Sutton Street,

Warragul, Victoria 3820

TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE:

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21st March 2015

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Robots, Disc Replacement, and Other Recent Advances in Spinal Surgery

Professor Richard Bittar, Neurosurgeon & Spinal Surgeon

Spinal surgery has traditionally been one of the most feared types of surgery by patients and doctors alike. Recent advances such as keyhole surgery, robotic spinal surgery, and artificial disc replacement have made spinal surgery safer, more accurate, and offer patients a faster recovery. The range of modern spinal surgery options, together with their benefits and drawbacks, will be discussed.

Learning outcomes:

1. Appreciate the role of Robotic Spinal Surgery, and its arrival in Victoria in 2015
2. Identify the indications, technical aspects and outcomes of keyhole spinal surgery
3. Recognise the indications and advantages of artificial disc replacement, as an alternative to spinal fusion

Navigating the Worksafe & TAC maze – Tips from a lawyer

Mr Yianni Zapparas LLB BCom

When a person has been injured at work or in a transport accident, dealing with insurers can be baffling and frustrating not just for the injured person, but for their medical caregivers. This presentation will address in what circumstances a WorkCover or TAC claim will be accepted, how to access the best medical care under the scheme, how your patient can appeal a decision they are not happy with and how to ensure your patient is protected financially in the long and short-term following injury.

Learning outcomes:

1. Identify strategies to assist patients to access the best medical care options in the compensation environment.

Opioid Prescribing: Pearls and Pitfalls

Dr Gavin Weekes, Pain Specialist

Prescribing opioids can be difficult. This presentation aims to guide GPs to safe and effective prescription of opioids, and provide an update on the current issues surrounding opioids. Treatments available for chronic pain conditions have changed dramatically in the last decade- newer pharmacological options will also be discussed.

Learning outcomes:

1. Recognise safe, effective opioid prescribing in General Practice
2. Develop strategies to reduce opioid consumption in long-term users
3. Identify safe strategies for opioid reduction and other pharmacological treatment options