

AGM 2016

Continuing Education Report

In 2015, MPS sponsored two full day workshops: The May 1st spring workshop Science-Driven & Method-Driven Psychological Evaluation, Especially for Medical-Legal Claims of all types (not just mental illness claims) by Dr. Robert Barth and the November 5th workshop Uppers, Downers and All-rounders: Knowing the Drugs your Clients are Abusing by Dr. Robert Julien. We are pleased to report positive reviews for both workshops, including the programs, speakers, and venues.



The May 1, 2015th workshop featured Dr. Robert Barth, a Fellow of the National Academy of Neuropsychology and regular contributor to AMA publications and programming for chronic pain, brain injury, and mental illness. The learning objectives of the workshop sought to provide attendees with an enhanced understanding of (1) the scientific knowledge base for chronic pain, brain injury, mental illness, and human responses to traumatic experiences; (2) evaluation methodology for chronic pain, brain injury, and mental illness; (3) the role of psychological and social factors in medical-legal claims of all types; (4) the methodology for causation analysis within an individual case; and (5) the methodology for evaluating work ability. A total of 93 people attended the workshop. This workshop was sponsored in part by the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba and Manitoba Public Insurance.

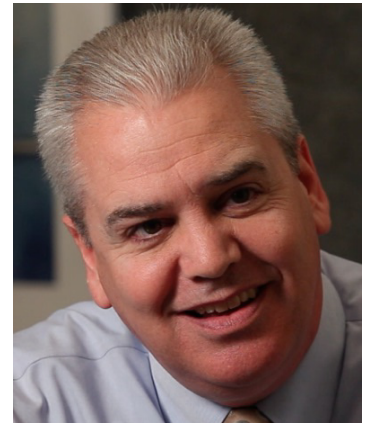


The November 5th workshop featured Dr. Julien, a former Associate Professor of Pharmacology and Anesthesiology at the Oregon Health Sciences University and retired practitioner of medical anesthesiology at Providence St. Vincent Hospital in Portland Oregon. His psychopharmacology textbook Julien's Primer of Drug Action (Worth Publishers, 2014) is regarded as a definitive textbook of psychopharmacology. Upon completion of the workshop emphasizing psychopharmacology and substances of abuse, attendees had knowledge of: (1) how to develop a patient medication form; (2) taking a detailed drug & medication history from each patient on each encounter; (3) drugs/medications that are capable

of inhibiting cognitive abilities; (4) how drug half-lives contribute to missing such effects; (5) the continuum of effects of CNS stimulants; (6) how some drugs combine both psychostimulant and psychedelic effects; (7) what drug underlies the holiday of Halloween; (8) the antidepressant and psychedelic effects of ketamine; (9) the different effects and uses of THC and CBD; (10) the relationship between blood THC concentrations and driving behaviors; (11) how physicians may contribute to heroin abuse; (12) the difference between a pure agonist, a pure antagonist, and partial agonist opioid; and (13) available products that combine these in the treatment of opioid dependence. A total of 76 people attended the workshop.

Looking Ahead

Dr. David Jobes, ABPP, a Professor of Psychology and Associate Director of Clinical Training at The Catholic University of America and Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, will be providing a full-day workshop on April 22, 2016. The workshop, titled Innovations in Clinical Assessment and Treatment of Suicidal Risk will be held from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM at the Holiday Inn Winnipeg Airport Polo Park. Brochures and registration information are available on-line at www.mps.ca



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