



WORKERS COMPENSATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE  
**2014 ANNUAL ISSUES & RESEARCH CONFERENCE**

March 12-13, 2014 ~ Boston, Massachusetts

***Upheaval in the Market for Health Care – Facts and Myths***

**AGENDA**

**Wednesday, March 12, 2014**

- 1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.    **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE**  
Mr. Vincent Donnelly, The PMA Insurance Group  
Chair, WCRI Board of Directors  
Representative Nick Collins  
Massachusetts House of Representatives  
Dr. Richard A. Victor, WCRI  
Executive Director
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.    **HEALTH CARE REFORM: WHAT WILL THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM  
LOOK LIKE IN 5 YEARS?**  
Moderator: Ms. Ramona P. Tanabe, WCRI  
Professor Jonathan Gruber, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Audience Comment and Questions
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.    **PREDICTORS OF WORKER OUTCOMES**  
Dr. Richard A. Victor, WCRI  
Audience Comment and Questions
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.    ***Networking Break ~ Foyer***
- 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.    **EXAMPLES FROM WCRI BENCHMARKING STUDIES: EXPERIENCES FROM  
STATE REGULATORY CHANGES**  
Moderator: Ms. Laure Lamy, WCRI  
**Effects of Reforms in Texas: Lessons for Other States**  
Ms. Carol Telles, WCRI  
**What Can We Learn from the Illinois 30% Fee Schedule Reduction?**  
Dr. Rebecca Yang, WCRI  
Audience Comment and Questions
- 4:00 p.m.    **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURN**
- 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.    **NETWORKING RECEPTION ~ Arlington/Berkeley/Clarendon Rooms**

**Thursday, March 13, 2014**

- 8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.      IMPACT OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION**  
Dr. Richard A. Victor, WCRI
- 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.      PANEL: THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION**  
Moderator: Dr. Richard A. Victor, WCRI  
Mr. David North, Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc.  
Mr. Donald Hurter, AIG  
Mr. Christopher Cunniff, Liberty Mutual Insurance  
Audience Comment and Questions
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.      *Networking Break ~ Foyer***
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.      THE USE AND COST OF AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTERS**  
Moderator: Mr. Alan McClain, WCRI  
Dr. Bogdan Savych, WCRI  
Audience Comment and Questions
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.      THE FORM AND FUNCTION OF MEDICAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION**  
Moderator: Mr. Alan McClain, WCRI  
Mr. Alex Swedlow, California Workers' Compensation Institute  
Audience Comment and Questions
- 11:30 a.m. – 12 Noon      HOW THE ECONOMY DRIVES THE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION**  
Moderator: Mr. Alan McClain, WCRI  
Dr. Harry Shuford, NCCI Holdings, Inc.  
Audience Comment and Questions
- 12 Noon – 1:00 p.m.      LUNCHEON ~ Georgian Room**  
Moderator: Mr. Andrew Kenneally, WCRI  
**Pain Medication, Addiction, and Heartache**  
Mr. Steve Tolman, Massachusetts AFL-CIO
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.      ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS**  
Moderator: Mr. Michael Clingman, WCRI  
Dr. Sreekanth Chaguturu, Partners HealthCare  
Audience Comment and Questions
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.      THE IMPACT OF A TEXAS-LIKE FORMULARY IN OTHER STATES**  
Moderator: Ms. Carol Telles, WCRI  
Dr. Vennela Thumula, WCRI  
Audience Comment and Questions
- 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.      SUMMARY AND CLOSING REMARKS**  
Ms. Ramona P. Tanabe, WCRI