**Title of Presentation:**

Early Utilization of Therapy Leading to Reduced Workers' Compensation Costs

**Critical information for Introduction :**(Presenter name, company being represented and position title, experience, degree information and/or certifications)

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**Abstract of Presentation**: (300 words or less)

Discuss Bureau of Labor Statistics Work Related Injury and Illness data. The phases of healing, review research of spinal imaging, discussion on whether surgery is appropriate and the benefits of early utilization of physical and occupational therapy will be covered. In addition, the opioid epidemic will be discussed as it relates to workers’ compensation.

**Learning Outcomes of the Presentation:**

Objectives: Review benefits of early utilization of physical and occupational therapy for return to work. Introduce Modern Pain Movement and Biopsychosocial model. Review research on spinal imaging. Compare outcomes with surgery and medicine vs. PT. Review research supporting early PT and OT. Explore effective utilization management to drive outcomes

**Any additional need for the presentation**: (The RLA provides multi-media projection capability and a lapel microphone in the room)

No additional needs