

ABOUT PDC:

Headquartered in Springfield, Massachusetts, Psychiatric Disability Consultants, Inc., also known as Professional Disability Consultants, (PDC) is an organization of specialized consultants uniquely qualified to assist in the evaluation of complex psychiatric and medical disability claims nationally. Since 1990, PDC has been recognized throughout the insurance industry as a leader and innovator in the assessment of complex disability claims.

PDC'S MISSION:

PDC's mission is to help our clients thoroughly, fairly, and objectively assess the functional impact of psychiatric and medical impairments by utilizing highly trained clinical experts to gather and interpret information, address inconsistencies and reconcile differing opinions.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Psychologists, psychiatrists, physicians, nurses, social workers, case managers, rehabilitation counselors, disability claim evaluators, and other professionals interested in enhancing their knowledge of HIV and CFS.

PROFESSIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS:

PHYSICIANS:

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Massachusetts Medical Society Essential Areas and their Elements through the joint sponsorship of New England Baptist Hospital and PDC. New England Baptist Hospital is accredited by the Massachusetts Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

New England Baptist Hospital designates this educational activity for a maximum of 6.3 hours in Category 1 credit towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those credits that he/she actually spent in the activity.

CRC, CDMS, CCM:

Applications have been made to the Commissions for CRC, CDMS, and CCM for 6.3 contact hours.

PSYCHOLOGISTS:

The Center for Behavioral Health at Holyoke Medical Center (HMC) is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education for psychologists. Holyoke Medical Center maintains responsibility for this program.

SOCIAL WORKERS:

Attendees will receive from HMC an authorization number for 7.5 Category I Continuing Education Hours for re-licensure, in accordance with 258 CMR.

NURSING:

This program meets the requirements for Continuing Education in Nursing as set forth by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing for 7.5 contact hours as granted by HMC.

LMHC:

This program has been approved for 6.3 Category I Continuing Education Hours for re-licensure as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor as granted by HMC.

For information regarding continuing education credits for Psychologists, R.N.s, Social Workers, and Licensed Mental Health Counselors, please contact the CE coordinator, Susan Thibault, at thibault_susan@holyokehealth.com

ONLINE REGISTRATION MATERIALS AVAILABLE AT:

www.pdcnetwork.com

Any questions? Call PDC at: (800)463-0095

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PRESENT

DIAGNOSIS VS. DISABILITY
Multidisciplinary Perspectives
on HIV and CFS

November 4, 2004

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sheraton Springfield
Monarch Place Hotel
Springfield, MA

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PROGRAM PURPOSE:

To promote an understanding of the current concepts of diagnosis and treatment of HIV and CFS, with special attention to evaluating when and how these conditions cause impairment in psychological, social, occupational, and other important areas of functioning.

OBJECTIVES:

At the completion of the program participants will be able to:

- I. Compare and contrast historic vs. current diagnostic, treatment, and management protocols for HIV and CFS.
- II. Describe the psychological implications and treatment considerations of individuals diagnosed with HIV or CFS to maximize social, occupational, and emotional well being.
- III. Discuss social, occupational, and other functional considerations of those individuals diagnosed with HIV or CFS.
- IV. Determine new approaches to consider in the evaluation and adjudication of disability claims based on HIV or CFS.

SPEAKERS:

WILLIAM R. HORSTMAN, Ph.D., ABPP

Forensic Neuropsychologist, San Francisco, CA. Dr. Horstman will review symptom validity in the assessment of cognitive functioning in HIV & CFS.

JAMES F. JONES, M.D.

Allergist/Immunologist and Virologist, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, GA.

Dr. Jones will discuss the history of CFS, current treatment, and the assessment of functional considerations of individuals diagnosed with CFS.

THOMAS H. WINTERS, M.D., FACOEM, FACPM

Occupational Medicine and Infectious Disease Physician, New England Baptist Hospital, Occupational Environmental Health Network, Waltham, MA.

Dr. Winters will address the diagnosis and treatment of HIV.

PANEL:

Our panel includes representatives from the clinical community, claim professionals from various disability insurance entities, as well as our speakers.

PROGRAM:

8:00-8:30: Registration/*Continental Breakfast*
8:30-8:45: Welcome
8:45-10:15: James F. Jones, M.D.
10:15-10:30: Refreshment Break
10:30-12:00: Thomas H. Winters, M.D.,
 FACOEM, FACPM
12:00-1:15: Lunch (*Included with registration*)
1:15-2:45: William R. Horstman, Ph.D., ABPP
2:45-3:00: Refreshment Break
3:00-4:45: Panel & Questions
4:45-5:00: Closing

HOTEL ROOMS are available at the
 Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel
 1 Monarch Place
 Springfield, MA 01144-1689
 Call (800) 426-9004

For the \$99.00 rate, inform the registration desk that you are attending the PDC conference.

PARKING: \$4.00 one-day parking rate is available when parking in either of the I-91 parking lots, or in the hotel parking facility.

DIRECTIONS to the

Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel:

From the North:

I-91 south to exit 7 (Springfield Center, Columbus Avenue). Take first left onto Boland Way. The hotel entrance is on your right after the first set of lights.

From the East:

I-90 (Mass. Turnpike) to Exit 6. Turn left onto I-291 west to Exit 2B (Dwight St.) Turn left and proceed 1/2 mile and turn right onto Harrison Avenue. Go straight through 1st set of lights, hotel entrance is on your left.

From the West:

I-90 (Mass. Turnpike) to Exit 4. Take I-91 south to Exit 7 (Columbus Avenue). Take first left onto Boland Way. Hotel entrance is on your right after the first set of lights.

From the South:

I-91 north to exit 4. Continue on E. Columbus Avenue. Turn right onto Boland Way. Hotel entrance is on your right.

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 Phone: (800) 463-0095. Please include check to be made payable to PDC.

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REFUND POLICY: Cancellations must be in writing and received by 10/31/04 to receive a full refund minus a \$25.00 administrative fee. No refunds available after that date. If for any reason the meeting is cancelled, PDC will refund total registration fee. However, PDC will not be responsible for any travel, lodging, or other costs incurred.

CONFERENCE RATES: REGISTER EARLY - SPACE IS LIMITED

- \$135.00 if received by 10/15/04.
- \$150.00 if received after 10/15/04, but before 11/4/04.
- \$125.00 each if 3 or more register together before 11/4/04, with one check and completed registration forms attached for each attendee.

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Please circle the applicable professional designation for which CE's are needed: MD, Ph.D., RN, LICSW, LMHC, CCM, CRC, CDMS
Special Accommodations: Please describe: _____