



## Are Injured Workers Receiving the Health Care They Need?

Bancroft Forum April 25 & 26, 2018

### Keynotes

Authors of *Bad Medicine: A Report on the WSIB's Transformation of Its Health Care Spending*:

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In response to Ontario Auditor General's 2009 report, the WSIB embarked on a "historical transformation" of its business model. This "transformation" has been remarkably successful in reducing the WSIB's unfunded liability: it is on track to completely eliminate the liability six years ahead of schedule, while also granting employers a substantial reduction in premiums. But advocates and health care professionals working with injured workers believe the "transformation" has had a dramatic negative impact on injured workers. They say that the WSIB routinely disregards medical evidence, forces workers back to work before they are fit to do so, cuts compensation benefits without just cause, and denies entitlement to necessary health care treatments. The *Bad Medicine* report examines the effect that the WSIB's "transformation" has had on a critical category of benefits: health care benefits. The WSIB has a legal duty to pay for injured workers' health care. Health care benefits are vitally important for people who are injured at work or who develop an occupational illness, both for their recovery and their ongoing quality of life.

The full report can be found at:

<http://iavgo.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Bad-Medicine-Report-Final.pdf>

### Wednesday April 25 Agenda

The first day is in the evening (6:00 pm onward)

- 6:00 pm – Registration and refreshments
- 6:30 pm – Keynote
- 7:15 pm – Academic perspective
- 7:30 pm – Injured worker experience
- 7:45 pm – Discussion
- 8:00 pm – Social Event at Duke of York (39 Prince Arthur Avenue)

### Thursday April 26 Agenda

The second day is all day (9:00 am to 4:30 pm)

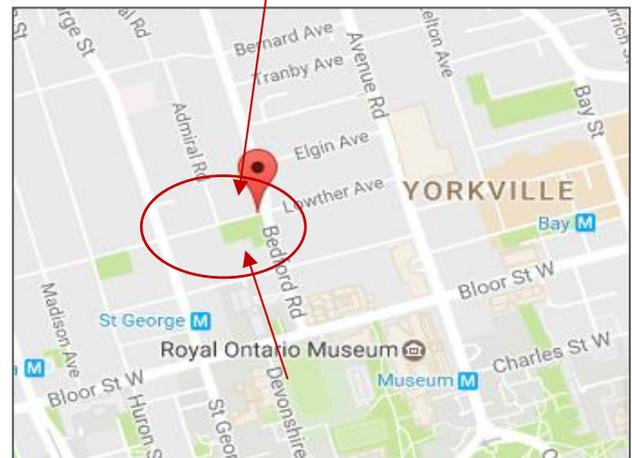
- 9:00 am – Registration and refreshments
- 9:30 am – Panel: Linking with Health Care Providers
- 11:00 am – Panel: Psychological Disabilities and Workers' Compensation
- 12:15 pm – Injured Workers' Experiences
- 12:30 pm – Lunch (provided)
- 1:30 pm – Panel: Adjudicating Complicated Health Issues
- 3:00 pm – Health Care Campaign
- 3:15 pm – Developing Action Ideas to Improve Health Care for Injured Workers
- 4:15 pm – Discussions and Wrap Up
- 4:30 pm – Adjournment

### Workshop Location

Friends House

60 Lowther Avenue, Toronto, Ontario

**Wheel chair access from Bedford Road (through parking lot at back of building)**



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