

Hong Kong Pain Society Annual Scientific Meeting 2010

Workshop 3 – The Myth of Symptom Exaggeration and Malingering

Time: 1400 – 1700

Venue: InterContinental Grand Stanford Hong Kong

Pain Medicine physicians are accustomed to taking a history from patients and accepting that history at face value. However, frequently those patients may be involved in personal injury litigation or workers' compensation litigation and may give an inaccurate history with significant distortion of the facts for their personal gain. Our findings indicated that treating health care providers often do not consider malingering, even in cases of delayed recovery involving work injuries or other personal injuries, where there may be a significant incentive to feign or embellish symptoms or delay recovery. I will discuss the implications of this issue and offer recommendations to evaluating physicians and other healthcare professionals."