

Dame Carol Black Addresses the Need for Collaboration to Advance Support for Disability Management Initiatives

(August 5, 2010) Disability management and return to work requires coordination between multiple individuals on complex issues such as medical treatment, rehabilitation and job modification. Paper presentations at the International Forum on Disability Management on September 20-22, 2010 will explore the theme, *Collaborating for Success*, with the goal of reducing and minimizing the impact of injury and illness. Plenary remarks by Dame Carol Black, National Director for Health and Work, will reinforce the necessity of collaboration as she shares her experiences as the director of the British government review, *Working for a Healthier Tomorrow*.

Dame Black's review, *Working for a Healthier Tomorrow*, expresses the need for a multi-faceted approach to improving the health and lives of Britain's working age population. Dame Black's review issues a call for action for society to evaluate their attitudes, behaviors, and practices regarding work and health. This message is central to the goal of IFDM, as a paradigm shift is needed to encourage the inclusion of individuals with disabilities in the workforce. Hear how Dame Black is facilitating positive change by building consensus among the government, healthcare sector, employer community, labor and individuals themselves. Attendees will be inspired by Dame Black's success and gain practical insight on advancing awareness and support for disability management programs in their organizations.

Awareness and support are essential in creating successful disability management and return to work outcomes. Dame Black's plenary remarks will highlight these essentials and set the stage for a dialogue filled, insightful and educational experience for attendees of IFDM 2010.

About IFDM

Held every two years since 2002, the International Forum on Disability Management is the only global conference dedicated to in-depth discussion of problems, trends, and best practices in disability management.

IFDM 2010 is hosted by the California Department of Industrial Relations and the California Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation in association with the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions.

IFDM 2010 will bring together attendees from across the world who represent the health, safety, medical, and workers' compensation communities. The diverse audience will include employers, workers, disability management practitioners, risk managers, unions, jurisdictional and local government agencies, the insurance industry, policymakers and the public to participate in presentations, discussions, and workshops.

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