

## **INVITATION- FOCUS SESSION**

We invite you to have your say on work-related musculoskeletal disorders in Western Australia.

Musculoskeletal disorders contribute to approximately 52% of workers' compensation claims in Western Australia. To tackle the high counts, suffering and burden associated with this condition, WorkSafe WA, WorkCover WA and Arthritis and Osteoporosis Western Australia are working in collaboration to develop a *Western Australian Framework for the Prevention and Management of Work related Musculoskeletal Disorders (WMSDs)*. The intention for this framework is to serve as a state-wide roadmap for stakeholders. The framework will be formulated using evidence based research and consultation, contribution and discussion with key stakeholders in Western Australia (WA).

Aspects of this initiative will be conducted in collaboration with Curtin University, applying systematic research approaches for the purpose of investigating the prevention and management of WMSDs in Western Australia. Curtin University Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) approval is under consideration for those aspects of this initiative. Curtin University HREC approval will be established for those aspects prior to its application within the research realm.

We believe that many stakeholders can influence the prevention and management of WMSDs in WA, including government agencies, special interest groups, medical professionals, allied health professionals, ergonomists, rehabilitation service providers, OSH professionals, the insurance industry, researchers, policy makers, industry and business leaders, injured workers and worker representatives across industries.

We believe that you are an important stakeholder in relation to this initiative and we would like to invite you to express your views during a **group focus session** on this subject. **The link below takes you to a stakeholder group session that we would like you to be part of.** At the focus sessions, information about what we know and understand about WMSDs and the current state of the issue in Western Australia will be shared with participants. Stakeholders will be invited to express their personal and collective views about the current state, underlying factors, key stakeholders, facilitators and barriers to addressing this subject matter. In the near future you will also be invited to participate in a voluntary survey where you will be given the opportunity to express your personal views as an anonymous participant.

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**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017- 6-7pm - Arthritis and Osteoporosis WA, Shenton Park, WA**