INQUIRY INTO NSW WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME

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There is a need to take the family GP out of the workers compensation system. Cases handled by the family GP tend to run longer than those handled by specific workers compensation clinics. The Family GP's tend to confuse their management of workers compensation with their alliance to the patient because of long term association in some cases. The family GP run practices have no time to participate in rehabilitation programs or in communication with those charged with that responsibility. Specialised Workers Compensation Clinics that I deal with certainly make a difference to outcomes in patient management, communication etc. The family GP see's workers compensation in the same light as his private practice policy on disclosure of information and is hesitant to release or discuss information that is relevent to the workers compensation.