

Contacts and bios for “Emerging Therapies Act of 2017”

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An Entrepreneur, Morgan Pile graduated from Stetson University with a Bachelor in Finance as a merit scholar and has over fifteen years of experience consulting in Human Capital and Benefits. Morgan is a Certified Enrollment Specialist, and a Group Benefits Disability Specialist. Focused on being a proactive agent, Morgan actively manages healthcare risk by providing innovative, and cutting edge solutions for clients. Morgan has experience working with employers, consultants, associations, and healthcare providers, by designing, implementing, and managing Domestic and International Networks, Narrow Networks, PBM Management Reviews, Hospital Bill Compliance Reviews, Population Health Management, and Medical Tourism. Morgan uses these tools to help take control of rising health care costs. Morgan meets with self funded employers to determine the strategy for the benefit plan design, then builds and negotiates on behalf of the client.

He keeps up to date on Fiduciary health plan management, and ACA compliance - especially in Medical Tourism - where he is considered an expert. He has presented the opportunities that Narrow networks for US employers using Medical Tourism has created, in several conferences all over the world including, the U.S., Korea, El Salvador, Argentina, Guatemala, Colombia, Puerto Rico, Spain, Panama, Croatia and Costa Rica over the last 10 years. He also is a published author, with articles in Self Insurer, Self-Funded Magazine, and Medical Tourism Magazine. Living in Puerto Rico for 12 years, Morgan is fluent in Spanish and is influential in Latin America. He also is implementing Regenerative Medicine into employers health plans. By changing healthcare, he will save employers millions and help many avoid surgery. Recently, due to the efforts of Morgan, the State of Arkansas adopted the “Emerging Therapies Act of 2017” which will require the state and public school life and health insurance board to adopt a pilot study utilizing emerging regenerative injection therapies for orthopedic conditions. As a groundbreaking development in the Regenerative Medicine industry, he has been in negotiations and creating legislation to move the emerging therapies toward the goal of becoming a standard of care. Following the path he laid, interest has been expressed by Florida, Texas, Washington and Puerto Rico in developing similar legislative changes in their states.

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Dr. David L. Harshfield, Jr. is a pioneer in regenerative cellular therapy. Dr. Harshfield, an Interventional Radiologist with specialization in musculoskeletal radiology, has been exploring autologous adult stem cells since graduating from UAMS with Honors in 1981 and has become an industry leader in cellular restoration. He is bringing his nationally renowned expertise in cellular therapy to treat a variety of conditions without expensive surgery and extended recovery or rehabilitation time.

- Chairman of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the International Cellular Medicine Society (ICMS), as well on serving on the ICMS advisory board and the Board of Directors for the American Association of Orthopedic Medicine (AAOM).
- Certified by the American Board of Radiology (ABR) and skilled in all aspects of diagnostic radiology including Standard and Functional MRI, CT, Ultrasound, Mammography, DMX and Interventional Radiology.
- He currently has a Teleradiology practice, which virtually assists clinics, and holds a medical license in the states of Arkansas, Nevada, Florida, New York, Texas, Missouri and Ohio.
- Dr. Harshfield is working with NASA to better understand the effects of microgravity on the central nervous system in addition to studying Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) with the NFL.
- He lectures across the U.S. and internationally, coaching physicians on the correct procedures and healing impact of cellular therapy. Dr. Harshfield travels the nation to educate and offer instructive support to the doctors in the Emerging Therapies Consulting Group as their cellular medicine expert.

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Mr Strickland is the Founding Principal and Senior consultant at Strongside Solutions LLC Wendell has 20 years of experience in delivering Human Capital Management and healthcare cost containment solutions through comprehensive consulting services, techniques and partners. He implements strategies that eliminate fraud, waste, and abuse in the healthcare billing and administration of Medical, Workers Compensation, and Prescription Drug programs. He is an expert in working with Level Funded, Captive plans, and crafting self-funded group insurance offerings to meet the benefit requirements of his clients. He maintains the highest-level relationships with Third Party Administrative partners ensuring he has the cooperation to develop and administer strategic solutions.

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In 1994, Dr. Bond received his Masters of Science in Physiology & Biophysics from the University of Arkansas Medical School in Little Rock prior to entering medical school in 1995. Subsequently, he earned his Medical Doctorate from LSU Medical Center in New Orleans before completing a Family Medicine residency at the Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC. His education continued with a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Sports & Musculoskeletal Medicine at Duke University Medical School in Durham, NC. In 2003, Dr. Bond was recruited to LSU Medical Center in New Orleans as the Chief of Sports Medicine.

During his three-year tenure at LSU, Dr. Bond lectured to medical students, residents, and fellows, and was the Medical Program Director for the LSU Sports Medicine Fellowship Program. In 2007, Dr. Bond left the world of medical academia behind to pursue the inception of TotalCare Health & Wellness Medical Center, thus enabling him to set his own professional mission and goals at the head of his career. Today, Dr. Bond continues to lecture to physician colleagues, as well as, medical students and residents. Dr. Bond has served as a Team Physician for all levels of competition, amongst a multitude of sporting activities – from football and baseball, to Triathlons and Marathons. Most recently, in prior years, he served as a Team Physician for both the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and also the Louisiana IceGators. At this time, Dr. Bond continues to serve as a Team Physician the U.S. Ski & Snowboarding Team, and is the exclusive Physician provider of the Regenexx suite of Regenerative Orthopedic stem-cell procedures.

Dr. Bond was the first physician to perform US-guided Regenerative Injection Procedures in the state of Louisiana. He has since performed thousands of these injections, making him far and away the most experienced practitioner of Regenerative Injections in Louisiana and the southern region. Dr. Bond is excited and proud to be a part of this approach to Orthopedic & Musculoskeletal pain, in which his experience in Wellness Medicine is laid at the forefront of each procedure.

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Dr. Christopher Dougherty receives his board certification from the American Osteopathic Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and the American Osteopathic Association. Dr. Dougherty is nationally and internationally known for his expertise in sports medicine and arthroscopy. As a former past president of the American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine, he remains active in the education and training of current and future sports medicine primary care physicians and sports medicine orthopedic surgeons. Dr. Dougherty has trained numerous physicians in sports medicine and arthroscopy, lectured extensively on injury prevention and sports medicine surgeries, as well as cost effectiveness in orthopedics, and is extremely well published. He has served and serves on numerous committees to provide for improved patient safety and patient access to orthopedic medicine and surgery. As one of the founding members of STI (Soft Tissue Injury) Work Care, he strives to provide a lower cost, better orthopedic outcome than is currently available in the United States. His professional associations include the AAOS, AOA, AANA, AOA, AOS, AOASM, and the MLBTPA. His education, fellowships, and residency are from across the nation, making his training of the highest quality.