

Workers Comp for the Everyday Practitioner
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Objectives:

- To bring the practitioner up-to-date from the WC changes that took place in 2002 to present.
- To acquaint the practitioner to the medical treatment utilization schedule and appropriate ACOEM Guidelines.
- To introduce or review the paperwork necessary to function in the WC arena.
- To discuss the pros and cons of becoming a QME.
- To demonstrate a spinal Impairment Rating.
- To detail the type of report Carriers are expecting.

Outline Hourly Breakdown:

1: The History of MPN's

This section summarizes the history of MPN's. Discussion follows as to whether or not is a benefit to be part of an MPN and concludes with the information as to how to join an MPN if desired.

2: Treating the Injured Worker

This section summarizes the changes that have taken place inside and outside the chiropractic profession. It begins with a brief summary of the changes that took place in 2002 and 2003 and brings the practitioner up to date. It begins the discussion of the MTUS (medical treatment utilization schedule) as adopted by California.

3: Is There Really That Much Paperwork?

This section continues the discussion of the MTUS and begins to introduce the paperwork necessary for a successful and profitable Workers Comp practice. The 1021, PR2's, final exam and green liens are presented. The billing for performing these functions is also discussed.

4: The Upside (and downside) of being a QME

This section discusses the qualifications to become a QME and the necessary requirements to re-certify. The benefits of being a QME as well as the drawbacks of performing this function are investigated. Topics include profit potential, cost potential and Court of Appeals.

5. How to use the AMA Guidelines

This section demonstrates the use of the AMA Impairment Rating system. This is valuable and lucrative for the treating Doctor. And it will benefit their patient as well.

6. Reports to the Carrier

This section reviews a number of QME reports highlighting the most frequently rejected areas to make the QME and their report appealing to the Carrier.