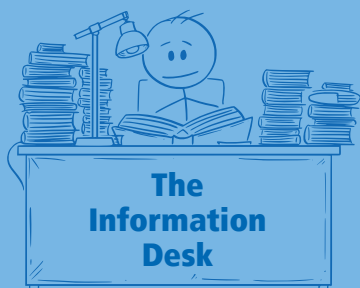




# MediScene

Keeping You Up-to-Date with the Industrial Commission's Medical Services



Last issue we communicated common deficiencies found in Permanent Total Disability independent medical examination reports and file reviews. In general, we found the most common of these were related to inaccurate information in reports. They included inaccurate claim numbers, missing or misnaming of allowances, and misunderstanding of which conditions to opine upon, to name a few. We suggested using a checklist for proofreading as a possible hack for avoiding these time-consuming variances.

Wouldn't it be great to avoid these claim allowances variances in the first place? We believe this can be accomplished by knowing where to go for allowed condition information, how to get there, and how to get that information into your report accurately, as described in this issue.

## Rules of Engagement

### Extracting the Allowed Conditions and Importing to Your Report

1. Login to your ICON account. Don't go to the BWC site!
2. The only accurate place to find the allowances assigned to you is the Medical Scheduling Worksheet labeled with your specialty.
3. How to get there: At the bottom of the IC Specialist Examiner Home page, enter the requested data in the search boxes under "Find a Claim". Click "Submit" and then "View Claim Documents". You are now in the "All documents view". You will now be able to view all the allowed conditions by clicking the "Show/Hide Allowed Conditions" button at the top.
4. How to get them out of there, and into your report: Simply cut and paste all of the allowed conditions from this view into your report.

### Determining Which Allowed Conditions to Examine or Review

1. In this "All documents view", you will also see a list of links to various documents. Find the "Medical Scheduling Worksheet" for your specialty. Click the link to this document, and you will see all of the conditions you are asked to examine or review underlined.
2. Now's the time to step back, take a look at those allowances, and see if those underlined make sense for the scope of your specialty. If they don't, please call us before the examination. This is important, because there are naturally some conditions which can be considered within the scope of practice of more than one specialty.\*

### \*Allowance Red Flags- "When in doubt, give us a shout!"

Here are some things to look out for when reviewing allowances to be examined:

- ✓ "Musculoskeletal" examinations might include conditions which could be adequately assessed by an Orthopedist, Physical Medicine specialist, or Occupational Medicine specialist.
- ✓ Examinations of injured workers with allowances involving a "pain" diagnosis, or a "brain injury" could be assigned to Psychology or Physical Medicine, or both, depending on the circumstances in the claim.



Thank you again for the feedback which has allowed us to review this process. We hope keeping this information handy will help streamline your work, and expedite the process for Ohio's injured workers and employers.



# MediScene Review Questions

## Heads Up!

This is to let you know you will be receiving an email from us informing you when your report has been forwarded to the claim file for the hearing process. This is to “close the loop” for you, so you will know you’ve successfully provided the necessary information for report submission. We hope this will provide you with useful feedback, especially for those of you who have incorporated their reports into an electronic medical record.

## 2024 Medical & Health Symposium

We’ll be exhibiting at the virtual 2024 Medical & Health Symposium (MHS24) Nov. 13-15. Stop by our booth in the Exhibitor Hall.

MHS24 features education sessions led by the nation’s top health-care experts and offers over 20 types of continuing education credit. Because it’s free to attend and completely virtual, it’s a great value you can’t beat! Visit the [MHS24 website](#) to learn more or register today!



## DIRECTIONS AND SUBMISSION

After reviewing the material in the newsletter, please fill in your name, date, time spent on the activity, and your answers to the review questions.

When completed, you may print this page and fax it to 614-466-1051, attention Medical Services, subject “MediScene Review Questions”, to be placed in your file and held for your future reapplication. Alternatively, you may save your completed form to your computer by choosing “Print”, and then choose “Destination” as “Save to PDF”. Please email the saved document as an attachment to [medical.services@ic.ohio.gov](mailto:medical.services@ic.ohio.gov), subject line “MediScene Review Questions”.

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time Spent on CME Activity:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Maximum 30 minutes)

## MEDISCENE REVIEW QUESTIONS, OCTOBER 2024

- You will find your specialty assigned allowed conditions underlined:  
☐ A. on the Permanent Total Disability Statement of Facts.  
☐ B. on the Medical Scheduling Worksheet IC (for your specialty).  
☐ C. in the text of the “Show/Hide Allowed Conditions” button.  
☐ D. in the claim demographics on the BWC website.
- You can copy and paste all of the allowed conditions accurately (verbatim) to your report:  
☐ A. from the Permanent Total Disability Statement of Facts.  
☐ B. from the Medical Scheduling Worksheet IC (your specialty).  
☐ C. from the text of the “Show/Hide Allowed Conditions” button.  
☐ D. from the claim demographics on the BWC website. (hint: Do not pick this answer!)  
☐ E. Nowhere. You can’t do this.
- Musculoskeletal conditions can only be adequately assessed by an Orthopedist, or Physical Medicine physician.  
☐ A. True  
☐ B. False
- Skin conditions (e.g., contusions, lacerations, rashes) can be adequately assessed by any physician who has access to the AMA Guides  
☐ A. True  
☐ B. False
- When assigned a claim with allowed conditions which involve “pain” or “brain injury” (or the clinical manifestations thereof) a Psychologist or Physical Medicine physician should assume they should evaluate all of those conditions.  
☐ A. True  
☐ B. False
- Many report deficiencies can be avoided by:  
☐ A. Using a checklist for proofreading.  
☐ B. Knowing where to obtain and extract accurate data from ICON.  
☐ C. Being savvy on the BWC website.  
☐ D. All of the above.  
☐ E. A and B.

**NOTE:** This activity is not a certified AMA category 1 activity, and so it cannot be used as credit toward medical board licensure in Ohio. However, it can be used toward the Ohio Industrial Commission requirement for continuing education credit specific to impairment rating at the time of your five-year application for reappointment to the specialist examiners’ panel.