

#1- Maximum Medical Improvement

The first question is a simple yes or no question. Has the Injured Worker reached a point of maximum medical improvement? Yes, or no? Then the question asks for a rationale for the doctor's opinion. The focus of the rationale is whether the conditions allowed in the claim are clinically stable with current care. Don't overthink this. It is an important question which can be served well with brevity. Support your opinion by indicating if there have been any recent changes in treatment, symptoms, or function, and if you expect any in the foreseeable future. It's as simple as that.

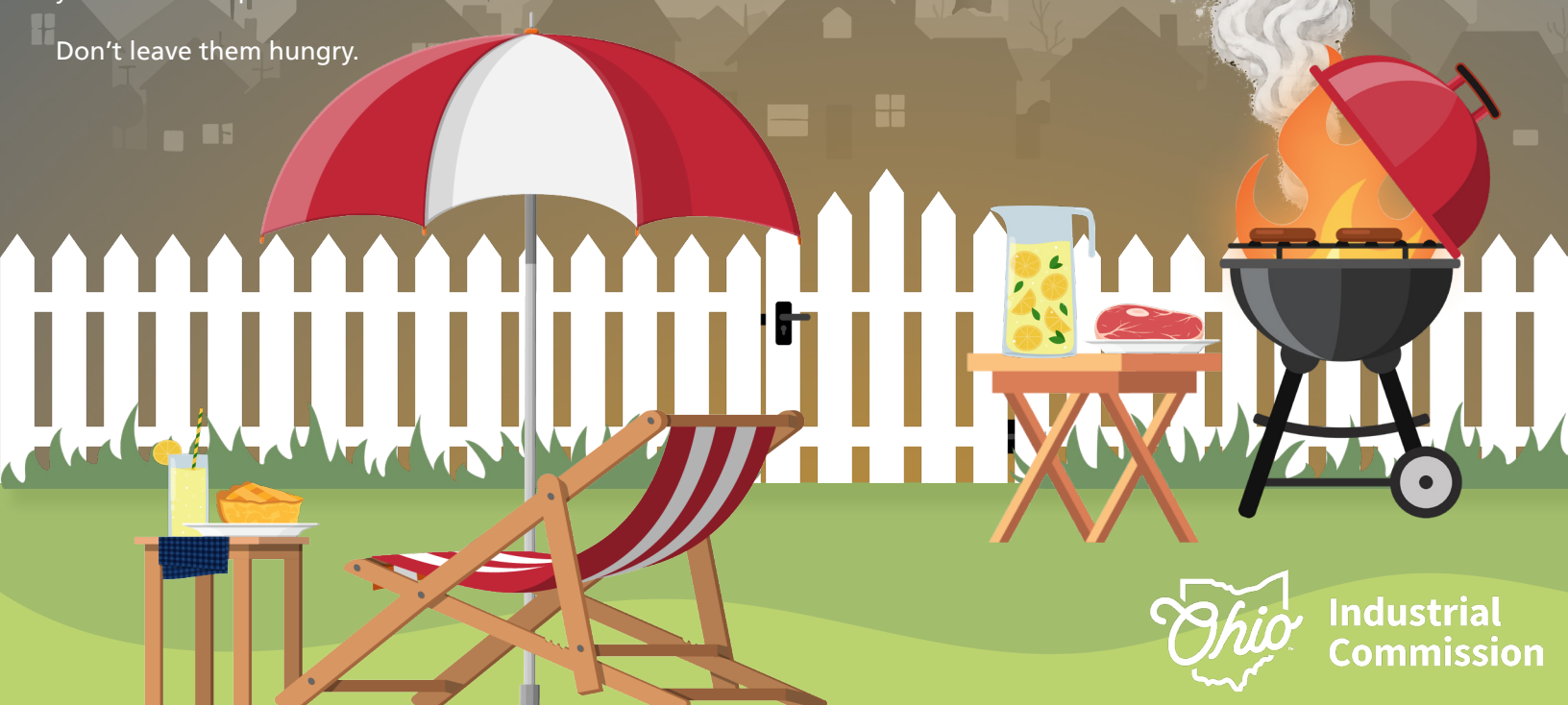
#2- Percentage Whole Person Impairment

Next, we ask the examiner to estimate the percentage of whole person impairment caused by the allowed conditions in the claim. The cookbook is the AMA Guides. It has recipes for all body parts and systems. Some cases will seem as simple and delicious as Grandma's apple pie, while others will make you feel like you do when you get up early to mix a custard for homemade ice cream, and then have to churn it for hours in icy salt water. The key here is to make sure all the ingredients are already in your report. What are these ingredients? Objective findings are where the meat and produce are. That's the law. These come in the form of what you document as observed in the examination, and the results of tests you find in the record.

#3- Residual Functional Capacity

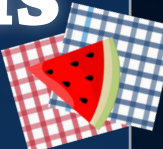
In the third question, you've come to the part where you start to smell the ribs cooking on the grill, and your friends and family start to show up with the side dishes. It's time to put it all together and share what you've prepared. Here is where you regale your guests (readers of your report) by summarizing the injured worker's subjective report of any decline in function related to the allowances in the claim, blended with the objective findings discussed above. How well do they pair? Is there enough "meat and produce" (objective findings) to support your opinion? This summary is also where your guests will be asking you to share your recipe and tell them where your meat and produce came from.

Don't leave them hungry.





MediScene Review Questions



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Question 1: Maximum Medical Improvement (MMI)

According to the article, what is the primary focus of the rationale when answering if an injured worker has reached maximum medical improvement?

- ☐ A. Estimating the exact timeline for a full recovery.
- ☐ B. Determining whether the allowed conditions are clinically stable with current care.
- ☐ C. Calculating the total cost of all past and future medical treatments.
- ☐ D. Evaluating whether the worker can return to their original job immediately.

Question 2: Determining Whole Person Impairment

What standard resource does the author refer to as the "cookbook" for estimating the percentage of whole person impairment?

- ☐ A. The Industrial Commission Guidelines
- ☐ B. Grandma's Recipe Book
- ☐ C. The AMA Guides
- ☐ D. The Federal Workers' Compensation Manual

Question 3: The "Ingredients" of the Report

According to the text, what constitutes the "meat and produce" (the essential ingredients) of the impairment report?

- ☐ A. The injured worker's personal testimonies and subjective complaints.
- ☐ B. Objective findings from the physical examination and test results in the record.
- ☐ C. The total number of hours spent drafting the medical report.
- ☐ D. Recommendations for new experimental treatment plans.

Question 4: Synthesizing the Final Section

In the third question/section of the IME, what must the examiner blend together to satisfy the readers of the report?

- ☐ A. The employer's statement and the insurance company's financial limits.
- ☐ B. The worker's subjective report of functional decline and the objective medical findings.
- ☐ C. A comparison of different body parts and various legal precedents.
- ☐ D. Past treatment history and future job placement opportunities.

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