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New Sample Reports and Templates Now Available



Effective July 1, 2013, the Industrial Commission Medical Examination Manual has been revised. Please go to ohioic.com, click the quick link to "Medical Specialist Resources" and then "Medical Examination Manual" to view these changes.

The changes have primarily affected the sample PTD IME reports for each specialty. These sample reports have been standardized and updated to conform to current standards. Please take time to review these new sample reports. You should also be aware that we are happy to send you up-to-date report templates for your use, which also mirror these samples and reflect our standards for required content. Finally, of course, please read the referral letters you receive with each examination request carefully and be sure to answer the questions asked in the letter (They may vary!).

Electronic Record Access Rollout Underway

Examiners in the Akron, Cleveland, Dayton, Toledo, and Youngstown districts now successfully access the IC electronic specialists' packet via the Industrial Commission Online Network (ICON). This provides time-limited access of claim-related medical information to specialist examiners who perform examinations for the IC.

For additional information, FAQs, and detailed instructions please visit ohioic.com, click "Medical Specialist Resources", then "Electronic Record Access." You will also find a link to this information in the PDF version of our revised Medical Examination Manual, on page 8. Please call the IT Help Desk at 614-644-6595 if assistance is needed.

IC Chief Medical Advisor Attains ABIME Recertification

Dr. Terrence Welsh, Chief Medical Advisor to the Industrial Commission, has again successfully passed his certification examination for the American Board of Independent Medical Examiners.

ABIME requires recertification every five years. Dr. Welsh has been a certified examiner for fifteen years.

"I value the process of board certification. It gives specialists the opportunity to put in extra work for intensive review of the most current information their area of expertise. The examination then serves as both a personal and public cross-check of knowledge gained. Certification by ABIME or the American Academy of Disability Evaluating Physicians (AADEP) is very worthwhile for those performing examinations related to impairment." said Welsh.

Dr. Welsh is also certified by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, the American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine, and the American Board of Pain Medicine.



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- 1) Industrial Commission specialist examiners must be board certified in their specialty.
 - A. True
 - B. False
- 2) Industrial Commission specialist examiners must be board certified in impairment evaluation.
 - A. True
 - B. False
- 3) Industrial Commission specialist examiners must document 8 hours of continuing education specific to impairment evaluation every five years.
 - A. True
 - B. False
- 4) Use of report templates and sample reports:
 - A. Allow standardization of the report format.
 - B. Contain the essential elements required for IC reports.
 - C. Ensure that the specialist answers the correct referral questions.
 - D. All of the above.
 - E. A and B.
- 5) Specialist access to the IC electronic record:
 - A. Allows examining specialists to view information regarding any claim they are associated with.
 - B. Is time-limited and claim-specific.
 - C. A and B.
 - D. None of the above.

(Answers: 1. A; 2. B; 3. A; 4. E; 5. B)