

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & EMPLOYMENT
Division of Workers' Compensation
Physicians' Accreditation

LEVEL II PHYSICIAN ACCREDITATION REGISTRATION FORM

Level II Physician Accreditation, offered through the Division of Workers' Compensation, is an educational process designed to provide physicians with an understanding of the administrative, legal and medical aspects of workers' compensation, in addition to educating physicians in the uniform use of the **American Medical Association Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, 3rd Edition Revised**. Participating physicians will be required to complete an examination to demonstrate knowledge of impairment rating. You may test for your specialty only, or you may opt for the general exam, covering all impairment sections. After successful completion of the examination, and completion of the **Physician's Compliance Agreement**, you will be accredited for three years. The Division will keep you informed of any new laws, regulations or rules that affect your participation in workers' compensation.

Upon completion of this course, medical practitioners should be able to:

1. Assess when it is clinically appropriate to place a patient at "maximum medical improvement" (MMI) and identify the party responsible for determining MMI.
2. Render an impairment rating, using the *AMA Guides 3rd Ed. Revised*, on patients with deficits in the following areas (depending on the physician's specialty): nervous system, spine, extremities, pulmonary, mental/behavioral and other organ systems.
3. Properly complete various medical reporting forms required by the *AMA Guides* and the Colorado Division of Workers' Compensation.
4. In a clinical case, combine the impairment ratings for range of motion of multiple joints or multiple parts of the body, as well as other deficits, to determine the extremity and whole body (whole person) impairment ratings.
5. Understand the complexity of assessment of impairment due to pain perception, and how this is accounted for under Colorado statute.
6. Understand and demonstrate how to perform range of motion measurements of the spine, upper and lower extremities, and to appropriately convert those measurements into an impairment rating.
7. With regard to reviewing, generating or releasing medical records, explain how the waiver of the doctor/patient privilege is applied *in a workers' comp case*.

WAYS TO BECOME ACCREDITED

- Attend a **two-day seminar** that is scheduled for April 17-18, 2015 in the Denver area.
- Complete the **home study** course followed by scheduling to take the examination at the Division offices or one of several sites throughout the state.

FULL OR LIMITED ACCREDITATION

The Division encourages physicians to seek **full accreditation** by attending and testing on all course sessions. This will enable you to assign impairment ratings that will address all aspects of a work-related injury, and requires working knowledge of all appropriate sections of the *AMA Guides*. Specialists may seek **limited accreditation** by attending and testing on areas relating to their area of practice. **Every physician, regardless of specialty, will be tested on Legal, Ethical, Administrative and Neurological sections.**

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION UNITS

Seminar participants may earn Continuing Medical Education units through the Division of Workers' Compensation/University of Colorado School of Medicine. **The University of Colorado School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians and has designated this educational activity for a maximum of 13.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.** Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration for Level II Accreditation is \$400. Complete the registration form (on the back) and pay by check or credit card. **Checks should be made payable to the Division of Workers' Compensation.**

Mail registration form and check to:
Division of Workers' Compensation
Physicians' Accreditation
Post Office Box 628
Denver, CO 80201-0628

OR

- 1. Fax registration form to 303-318-8653**
- 2. Pay by credit card at:**
<https://www.colorado.gov/payment/2a> (must use **https**)

LECTURE / WORKSHOP LEADERS

Qualified Level II Accredited physicians and other specialists teach the courses under the direction of Kathryn Mueller, M.D., Medical Director for the Division of Workers' Compensation and a Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Course materials for the Level II Accreditation examination will be mailed to you. They include the Level II Accreditation Curriculum notebook, *AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, 3rd Edition Revised*, medical treatment guidelines and Division Rules, the Level II pre-test, answers to the pre-test, and practice impairment rating cases.

If you have any questions concerning the course materials or generally concerning the accreditation process, please call the Accreditation Program at (303) 318-8763. Alternatively you may e-mail physaccred@state.co.us

LEVEL II ACCREDITATION REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out and return this registration form and your payment of \$400 by check payable to Division of Workers' Compensation or by credit card.

I PREFER TO ATTEND THE LEVEL II SEMINAR ON APRIL 17-18, 2015.
 I PREFER TO RECEIVE LEVEL II ACCREDITATION ON A HOME-STUDY BASIS.

Please note: Accreditation is given only to the individual doctor; groups cannot be accredited

NAME _____

BUSINESS NAME _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS _____
(If home address, please be sure to indicate home)

CITY/ZIP _____ PHONE NO. _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

S.S. # _____ FAX # _____

DISCIPLINE OF CARE: M.D. Specialty _____ Board Eligible?

D.O. Specialty _____ Board Certified?

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE NUMBER _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED* \$ _____ OR PAID ONLINE \$ _____ (see reverse side for instructions)

I plan to seek full accreditation

I plan to seek limited accreditation in only those sections that correspond to my specialty _____

Your study materials include a complete set of the applicable Division Rules and the Medical Treatment Guidelines. They are available as hard copy in a 3" binder or on a flash drive. Please indicate below which format you prefer.

Hardcopy Flash Drive

*Refund Policy: If accreditation is not pursued, \$350 will be refunded if unmarked study materials AND the copy of the *AMA Guides, 3rd Edition, Revised* are returned to the Division; otherwise refund will be \$275. No refund will be issued more than one year from date of application.

<p>Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request for persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodations to participate in the seminar, please check here _____ and we will contact you about the accommodations needed.</p>
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