



## AMA 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Impairment Rating Exam—Park Ridge, IL (Effective 07/01/2016)

Physician: Jesse P. Butler MD, CIME

Body Parts: cervical spine (neck); thoracic spine; lumbar spine (low back)

\*other body parts may be added—please contact for details

IME Location: Spine Consultants; 1300 Higgins Road Suite 200; Park Ridge, IL 60068

Contact: Workers' Compensation Dept 773-321-2800 Fax: 773-321-2801 Email: [wc@spineconsultants.org](mailto:wc@spineconsultants.org)

Send Medical Records to: Spine Consultants; 1300 Higgins Road Suite 200;

Park Ridge, IL 60068 ATTN: Workers' Compensation Department

Spine Consultants Tax ID: 27-0980626

### Patient

- Patient should arrive 30 minutes prior to appointment time.
- Patient will be asked for a photo ID, which is used to verify the patient. If patient does not have a photo ID, we will contact the IME scheduling parties to confirm identification. If we are unable to verify patient within 15 minutes of the appointment time, the IME will be cancelled (see charges below.)
- Patient is **required to complete registration paperwork** before the physician will see the patient. If you would like a copy of the registration paperwork or have questions, please contact us.
- There is a possibility a late patient (more than 15 minutes) may not be seen depending on the time of day, complexity of the Impairment Rating Exam and other unforeseen variables. A no-show charge will be assessed (see charges below.)

### Medical Records

- Medical records recommended: record summary, recent treatment notes and films (x-ray; MRI; CT).
- Patient **MUST** bring prior imaging studies to the appointment. If prior imaging studies are not available at the appointment, the patient will not be seen and considered a no show.
- Medical records can be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the physician.
- Medical records should be in date order with the most recent on the bottom. Medical records that require re-organization may be assessed an additional charge (see Charges—Record Reorganization below.)

### Impairment Rating Dictation Distribution

- The Impairment Rating dictation will only be sent to the names listed on the Impairment Rating intake form.
- To add a contact to the distribution list, please contact us.

### Case Managers

- Case managers will be allowed in the exam room during the physician/patient exam (including for interpreting purposes.)

### Interpreters

- A professional interpreter should be provided for the patient who cannot speak English fluently. If a professional interpreter is not provided, the patient will be considered a no-show and a no-show charge will be assessed (see Charges.)

### Charges

- Impairment Rating exam deposit pre-payment of \$600 is due 4 business days prior to the appointment. If appropriate, extra impairment rating charges & x-ray charges will be billed. Reports are not released until all monies are received.
- Impairment Rating appointment without pre-payment 4 business days in advance may be cancelled.
- **Payments are due in full—no discounts.** All reports will not be released until payment in full has been received.
- Non-professional charges (e.g. Durable Medical Equipment (DME), x-rays, etc.) are not included in the above charges
- Scheduling the Impairment Rating exam appointment signifies agreement to the above charges.
- Surveillance should be under separate cover and will be charged as a record review at \$1000/hour. Surveillance will be reported separately.
- **Standard Impairment Rating Exam base charge \$600 + medical record review charge**
  - No show or cancel less than 2 business days prior to the appointment **\$550**
  - Medical record review/summary rate **\$1000/hour**
  - Charge will vary based upon # of body parts, medical complexity and volume of records
  - To address other questions beyond impairment, we have no problem performing an IME in addition to the Impairment Rating exam (NOTE: Impairment Rating exam charge will be **\$600 PLUS the IME charge** (see IME pre-pay charge protocol)
- **Record Reorganization—1<sup>st</sup> hour is included**
  - Records received should be in date order with most recent on the bottom.
  - Additional time billed at **\$100/hour** in 15 minute increments