

ABIME Certification Review and AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment 4th and 5th Edition Training Course 2002

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Day 1

7:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

7:30 a.m. Welcome & Introduction and Review of course objective
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Disability Medicine and the Law

An overview of dealing with the legal system professionally and ethically.

7:45 a.m. A basic overview of Disability and Compensation systems and the Law

9:00 a.m. Medicolegal considerations for Independent Medical Examiners.
A review of the role of various key players and their games.

10:00 a.m. Morning Refreshment Break

10:15 a.m. How to swim in deep waters with big sharks and stay alive.
Essential deposition skills for Independent Medical Examiners.

11:15 a.m. Mock exam questions and answers. Test your knowledge and skills

12:00 p.m. Lunch and Learn with faculty—Case presentation
(continue learning with case presentation while you eat)

AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, 5th edition

1:00 p.m. **Transition from 4th to 5th Edition.**

Introduction to Key Revisions and changes in the 5th Edition of the AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment.

1:30 p.m. **Key Concepts in chapter 1 and 2**

Philosophy, appropriate use and Practical application of the AMA Guides

2:15 p.m. **Beyond Musculoskeletal Systems**

Impairment Evaluation of Other Systems
AMA Guides 5th Edition, Chapters 3-12

3:30 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. Mock exam questions and answers. Test your knowledge and skills

4:15 p.m. The Nervous System, Chapter 13

5:00 p.m. Mental and Behavioral Disorder, Chapter 14

5:45 p.m. Mock exam questions and answers. Test your knowledge and skills

6:00 p.m. Adjourn

DAY 2

7:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

7:30 a.m. Spine impairment Rating, Chapter 15, With Case Presentation

8:30 a.m. The Upper Extremities Impairment Rating, Using the 5th Ed. (Chap.16)

9:45 a.m. Lower Extremities Impairment Rating, Using the 5th Ed. (Chapter 17)

10:30 a.m. Morning Refreshment Break

10:45 a.m. Impairment Rating for Pain, Using the 5th Ed (Chpt.18)

11:30 a.m. Mock exam questions and answers. Test your knowledge and skills

11:45 a.m. An Introduction to the scope of the ABIME Examination

12:15 p.m. Basic Statistics, epidemiology, toxicology and other general issues on exam.

1:00 p.m. Adjourn

Total CME hours: 15

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course is specifically designed to educate and prepare physicians in the use of the AMA Guidelines to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment 5th edition with general comparisons to 4th edition.

Educational Objectives

- **At the conclusion of this learning activity, participants should be able to:**
- **Describe the knowledge content related to the A MA Guides 5th edition.**
- **Discuss recent developments in the A MA Guides 5th edition**
- **Explain the main differences between the A MA Guides 4th and 5th edition**
- **Differentiate symptoms, pathology, impairment, function and disability**
- **Explain the fundamentals of quality disability evaluation services**
- **Relate clinical data to case issues**
- **Discuss skills needed to select and perform evaluations**
- **Perform musculoskeletal permanent impairment ratings according to the AMA Guides 5th edition to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment**
- **Utilize skills to perform complex case evaluations of musculoskeletal pain disorders**
- **Explain the use of other chapters of the AMA Guides**
- **Define the steps needed for in your practice to implement the use of the AMA Guides 5th edition.**

Practical Objectives

- **Perform impairment evaluations according to the AMA Guides 5th edition.**
- **Demonstrate skills in evaluating complex cases**
- **Evaluate and manage difficult impairment evaluations patients**
- **Perform excellent independent medical evaluations**
- **Provide IME services and serve as an expert medical witness**
- **Improve the quality of medical reports**

COURSE FACULTY PROFILE

Mohammed I. Ranavaya, M.D., M.S., FACPM, FAADEP, CIME

Mohammed I. Ranavaya, MD, MS, FRCPI, FFOM, FACPM, FAADEP, CIME is a Professor of occupational and environmental medicine at the Marshall University School of Medicine in West Virginia and is Board Certified specialist in occupational and environmental medicine. Dr. Ranavaya also currently serves as the Director of the Appalachian Institute of Occupational & Environmental Medicine in West Virginia.

Dr. Ranavaya has performed several thousand independent medical evaluations and is an internationally recognized expert on AMA Guides and has taught globally over ten thousand physicians skills for performing independent medical evaluations and how to be more effective in the use of the AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment.

Dr. Ranavaya has authored several chapters in various books on *Disability Medicine* and numerous articles regarding AMA Guides, disability guidelines and independent medical evaluations, etc. Dr. Ranavaya served as the chair of the editorial board of the *Medical Disability Advisor*, a book on workplace disability duration guidelines for various injuries and diseases. He served on the senior editorial advisory committee of the AMA Guides 5th edition and is a contributor to the AMA Guides 5th edition. He is Editor in chief of the journal *Disability Medicine* and serves on editorial board of the AMA Guides newsletter.

Dr. Ranavaya is the past President of the American Academy of Disability Evaluating Physicians. He is one of the founding fathers of the *American Board of Independent Medical Examiners* (ABIME) and has helped develop the certifying exam for physicians seeking credentials as certified independent medical examiners.

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Frank Jones M.D., CIME, is a board certified Orthopedic Surgeon and is a specialist in hand surgery. He is one of the authors of AMA Guides 5th edition.

John Pro M.D., CIME, is board certified in Psychiatry. Dr. Pro has lectured nationally on the issues of psychiatric impairment and disability evaluations.

Henry Roth M.D., CIME is a pioneer in the field of disability medicine and has lectured extensively on issues of Independent Medical Examinations, disability management and rehabilitation of injured workers.

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