



7501 West 15th Avenue
Gary, Indiana 46406

Phone: (219) 977-2090
Fax: (219) 977-2091

Independent Medical Examinations

Independent Medical Examinations (IMEs) are examinations performed by an evaluator on a patient not in the care of the examinee, for the purpose of clarifying clinical and case issues.

IMEs are an important component of the workers' compensation system that are often conducted for injured workers as a means of determining causality, extent of injury and the proper medical treatment necessary. Causality is a very important component in the evaluation as it can determine whether an injury was truly work related or perhaps the result of a personal medical condition. This can have a tremendous ramification on the compensability of the claim. The objective non biased evaluations are also often used to clarify other disability or liability associated cases that may or may not end up in litigation, but are often used to settle wage replacement benefit claims, paying medical bills, and as a safe guard against fraudulent suits. An independent medical examiner often is called to testify before the workers compensation board or as an expert witness. Using a certified or experienced examiner is critical in these situations.

Comprehensive Care employs physicians who are certified in performing IME's and understand the importance of good communication and timely reporting. We ensure that your experience in dealing with our clinic is as efficient and helpful as possible. Being a dedicated occupational medical clinic allows us a better understanding of workers compensation and the unique requirements of our clients, case managers, or insurance carriers. In addition to performing the IME, our physicians can provide depositions and expert testimony for cases that go through litigation.

Permanent Partial Impairment Ratings (P.P.I.)

A Permanent Partial Impairment (PPI) examination is often done in the workers compensation setting when a patient has reached their Maximal Medical Improvement (MMI) and there is a level of impairment that still exists. In the process the examiner will utilize information from a thorough functionally based history, physical examination, take broadly accepted clinical results, and integrate them into the American Medical Associations Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment to determine a corresponding impairment value, thus producing a transparent, clearly stated and reproducible PPI rating.

Utilizing Comprehensive Care for your PPI ratings provides a benefit to all involved parties by minimizing conflict and improving decision making.

www.compcareonline.com

