



AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DISABILITY EVALUATING PHYSICIANS™

AGENDA

September 5-6, 2008

Reno, NV

15.0 AMA CME Category 1 Credits™ for both days; 7.5 AMA CME Category 1 Credits™ for one day

FRIDAY

AMA GUIDES FIFTH EDITION

- 8:00 – 8:15 am **Introduction / Logistics (Martin)**
What is AADEP, why this course, why it is important to understand the AMA Guides. Procedures for course evaluations. Further education possibilities.
- 8:15 – 8:45 am **AMA Guides – Definitions and Philosophy (Martin)**
What is the AMA Guides? How is it used? How was it developed? What are the definitions of impairment, disability and why does it matter?
- 8:45 – 9:45 am **Upper Extremity (Martin)**
Chapter 16 of the AMA Guides will be covered in detail with incorporation of case examples thereby using the various tables in calculation of an upper extremity impairment rating.
- 9:45 – 10:15 am **Break**
- 10:15 – 11:00 am **Lower Extremity (Hyman)**
Chapter 17 of the AMA Guides will be covered in detail. An understanding of the cross usage table will be emphasized. Case examples again will be used for demonstration purposes.
- 11:00 – 12:00 pm **Internal Medicine Highlights (Hyman)**
Chapters 3-12 of the AMA Guides 5th edition will be reviewed, with emphasis placed on the most common disorders encountered by the impairment evaluating physician.
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm **Lunch (on own)**
- 1:00 – 2:30 pm **Neuro-Psych-Chronic Pain Issues (Hyman)**
Most of the focus will be on the controversial origin and correct application of the Chapter 18 of the AMA Guides which addresses pain. In a June 16, 2007 news release, the California Division of Workers' Compensation reported leaning toward adoption of Official Disability Guidelines for chronic pain. Hear the most up-to-date information in this area.
- 2:30 – 3:30 pm **Spine (Martin)**
Chapter 15 of the AMA Guides will be covered in detail. The comparison and contrasting of the DRE and ROM methods of spine impairment determination will be emphasized. Case examples will be used for demonstration purposes.
- 3:30 – 4:00 pm **Break**
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm **Controversial Issues in the 5h Edition (Martin)**
Fibromyalgia, CFS, CRPS, Hidden Psychiatric Problems

5:00 - 5:30 pm

Case Examples (Hyman & Martin)

SATURDAY

AMA GUIDES SIXTH EDITION

8:00 – 8:15 am

Introduction / Logistics (Martin)

What is AADEP, why this course, why it is important to understand the AMA Guides. Procedures for course evaluations. Further education possibilities.

8:15 – 8:45 am

AMA Guides – Definitions and Philosophy (Martin)

What is the AMA Guides? How is it used? How was it developed? What are the definitions of impairment, disability and why does it matter? How does this differ with the 6th edition?

8:45 –9:45 am

Upper Extremity (Martin)

The AMA Guides will be covered in detail with incorporation of case examples thereby using the various tables in calculation of an upper extremity impairment rating.

9:45 – 10:15 am

Break

10:15 – 11:00 am

Lower Extremity (Hyman)

The Lower Extremity Chapter of the AMA Guides will be covered in detail. An understanding of the DBI method will be emphasized. Case examples again will be used for demonstration purposes.

11:00 – 12:00 pm

Internal Medicine Highlights (Hyman)

Chapters 4-12 of the AMA Guides 6th edition will be reviewed, with emphasis placed on the most common disorders encountered by the impairment evaluating physician.

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Lunch (on own)

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Neuro-Psych-Chronic Pain Issues (Hyman)

The focus will be on the origin and correct application of the Chapter 3 of the AMA Guides which addresses pain. The Central Nervous System and Psychiatric Impairment Chapters will be covered.

2:30 – 3:30 pm

Spine (Martin)

The Spine Chapter of the AMA Guides will be covered in detail. The comparison and contrasting of the DBI methods of spine impairment determination will be emphasized. Case examples will be used for demonstration purposes.

3:30 – 4:00 pm

Break

4:00 – 5:00 pm

Controversial Issues in the 6th Edition (Martin)

Fibromyalgia, CFS, CRPS, Hidden Psychiatric Problems

5:00 - 5:30 pm

Case Examples (Hyman & Martin)