

Master the 2024 AMA Guides Impairment Ratings with Clarity, Precision, and Confidence—Stay Ahead in Your Workers' Compensation Evaluations!

*Mastering Musculoskeletal Evaluation
Using the 2024 AMA Guides to Impairment*

Webinar Series

Four 90-minute webinars every 2 weeks

May 7, May 21, June 4 and June 18 — Wednesday nights at 7pm Central

Sessions

May 7: Introduction and Upper Limb | May 21: Navigation and Lower Limb

June 4: Spine and Pelvis | June 18: Questions and Answer with Attendees

Cost: \$125 per course or \$425 for all 4

Presenters



J. Mark Melhorn, MD, is the co-chair of the AMA Guides Editorial Panel and an occupational orthopedic physician specializing in hand and upper extremity conditions. He serves as a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Orthopaedics at the University of Kansas School of Medicine – Wichita and is the Program Director for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons' (AAOS) Annual CME Course on Workers' Compensation and Musculoskeletal Injuries.

Dr. Melhorn is a co-author and editor of the AMA Guides Sixth Edition (2024) and an editor of the AMA Guides® to the Evaluation of Work Ability and Return to Work as well as the AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Disease and Injury Causation. He was the lead author of the Upper Extremity Chapter in the AMA Guides Sixth Edition and

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Barry J. Gelinis, MD, DC, serves as an Advisor to the AMA Guides® Editorial Panel, offering global insights into adopting and implementing the AMA Guides internationally.

Dr. Gelinis is Co-Author-Editor for the musculoskeletal chapters—Chapter 15 (Upper Limb), Chapter 16 (Lower Limb), and Chapter 17 (Spine and Pelvis)—in the AMA Guides® to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, Sixth Edition, 2024 and 2023 Sixth Edition contributor. A past president of the International Academy of Independent Medical Evaluators (IAIME).

Disclosures

Drs. Melhorn and Gelinis have no financial interest in the AMA Guides. Melhorn is a Co-Chair of the AMA Guides® Editorial Panel for which he receives an administrative fee which has been donated to charity of his choice. Gelinis is an unpaid member of the Panel's advisory committee.

Learning Objectives

- Understand the Evolution of the AMA Guides.
- Compare and contrast the 2008 and 2024 editions in terms of impairment rating methodologies, criteria, and clinical applications.
- Demonstrate how to apply diagnosis-based impairment (DBI) rating and functional history, physical examination, and clinical studies to determine impairment values.
- Improve clarity, accuracy, and consistency in medical reports to ensure fair, reproducible, and defensible impairment ratings based on current best scientific evidence.
- Understand the concept of diagnostic row based on specific individual elements.

CME and QME will be Offered

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