

**COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & EMPLOYMENT**  
**Division of Workers' Compensation**  
**Physicians' Accreditation**

**LEVEL II PHYSICIAN ACCREDITATION REGISTRATION FORM**

Level II Physician Accreditation, offered through the Division of Workers' Compensation, is an educational process designed to provide physicians with an understanding of the administrative, legal and medical aspects of workers' compensation, in addition to educating physicians in the uniform use of the **American Medical Association Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, 3rd Edition Revised**. Participating physicians will be required to complete an examination to demonstrate knowledge of impairment rating. You may test for your specialty only, or you can opt for the general exam, covering all impairment sections. After successful completion of the examination, and completion of the **Physician's Compliance Agreement**, you will be accredited for three years. The Division will keep you informed of any new laws, regulations or rules that affect your participation in workers' compensation.

***Upon completion of this course, medical practitioners should be able to:***

1. Assess when it is clinically appropriate to place a patient at "maximum medical improvement" (MMI) and identify the party responsible for determining MMI.
2. Render an impairment rating, using the *AMA Guides 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. revised*, on patients with deficits in the following areas (depending on the physician's specialty): nervous system, spine, extremities, and/or mental/behavioral.
3. Properly complete various medical reporting forms required by the *AMA Guides* and the Colorado Division of Workers' Compensation.
4. In a clinical case, combine the impairment ratings for range of motion of multiple joints or multiple parts of the body, as well as other deficits, to determine the extremity and/or and whole body (whole person) impairment rating.
5. Understand the complexity of assessment of impairment due to pain perception, and how this is accounted for under Colorado statute.
6. Understand and demonstrate how to perform range of motion measurements of the spine, upper and lower extremities, and to appropriately convert those measurements into an impairment rating.
7. With regard to reviewing, generating or releasing medical records, explain how the waiver of the doctor/patient privilege *in a workers' comp case* is applied.

You may become accredited via a home-study course **or** by attending a two-day seminar. If you choose home study, you must arrange to take the Level II exam by contacting the Division's Accreditation Program at 303-318-8763. Testing is administered at several sites throughout the state.

Alternatively, you may attend the two-day Accreditation Seminar that is usually held in the Denver area in April of each year. The specific date and location will be announced at a later date.

Seminar participants may earn Continuing Medical Education units through the Division of Workers' Compensation/University of Colorado School of Medicine. **The University of Colorado School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. The University of Colorado School of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of 13.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.**

The Division encourages physicians to seek **FULL ACCREDITATION** by attending and testing on all course sessions. This will enable you to assign impairment ratings that will address all aspects of a work-related injury, and requires working knowledge of all appropriate sections of the AMA Guides. **Every physician, regardless of specialty, will be tested on Legal, Ethical, Administrative and Neurological Sections.**

Registration for Level II Accreditation is \$400. **Checks should be made out to the Division of Workers' Compensation.** Applications and fees should be sent to:

Division of Workers' Compensation  
Physicians' Accreditation  
633 – 17<sup>th</sup> Street, 4th Floor  
Denver, CO 80202-3626

**A copy of the American Medical Association Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Edition Revised will be included with your Level II Accreditation materials.**

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Course material for the Level II Accreditation Examination will be mailed to you with your Level II Accreditation binder. These materials include your Level II Pre-test, Answers to the Pre-test, and curriculum material. **Please scan the Pre-test before you begin to study the other materials. Then take the Pre-test and study the areas in which you did not do well. Be prepared to turn in your Pre-test when you take your final examination.** Curriculum materials include:

Legal, Ethical, Administrative & Medical Report Writing \* Neurological Impairment Rating \*  
Hand/Upper Extremity Impairment \* Spine/Lower Extremity Rating \* Skin Diseases \* Medical Treatment  
Guidelines \* Pulmonary/Cardiovascular Impairment \* Vision, Hearing, Ear Nose and Throat,  
Gastrointestinal Impairment\* Mental Impairment Rating

If you have any questions concerning the course materials, please contact the Division Medical Director, Kathryn L. Mueller, M.D., at (303) 318-8764. For other questions concerning the accreditation process, call the Accreditation Program at (303) 318-8763, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## LECTURER/WORKSHOP LEADERS

Qualified Level II Accredited physicians and other specialists teach the courses under the direction of Kathryn Mueller, M.D., Medical Director for the Division of Workers' Compensation and a Professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Surgery at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

### DON'T FORGET!!

**Please scan the Pre-test before studying the materials**  
**Level II Accreditation is \$400, check payable to Division of Workers' Compensation.**  
**Upon satisfactory completion of the test, you will be accredited for three years.**

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## LEVEL II ACCREDITATION REGISTRATION

(Please note: Accreditation is given only to the individual doctor; groups cannot be accredited)

I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE APRIL 16-17, 2010 SEMINAR IN DENVER  
 I PREFER TO RECEIVE LEVEL II ACCREDITATION ON A HOME-STUDY BASIS.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
(If home address, please be sure indicate home)

CITY/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

S.S. # \_\_\_\_\_ FAX # \_\_\_\_\_

DISCIPLINE OF CARE: M.D. \_\_\_\_\_ Specialty \_\_\_\_\_ Board Eligible? \_\_\_\_\_

D.O. \_\_\_\_\_ Specialty \_\_\_\_\_ Board Certified? \_\_\_\_\_

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to seek full accreditation \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to seek limited accreditation in only those sections that correspond to my specialty \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request for persons with disabilities.**  
**If you require special accommodations to participate in the class,**  
**please check here: \_\_\_\_\_ We will contact you.**