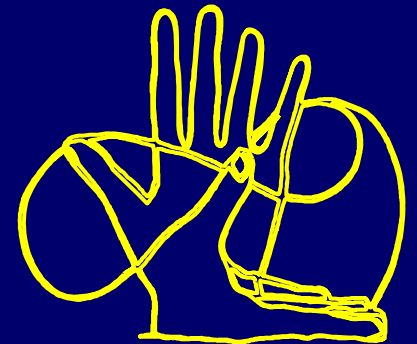


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The Changing Role of the Agreed Medical Evaluation (AME)

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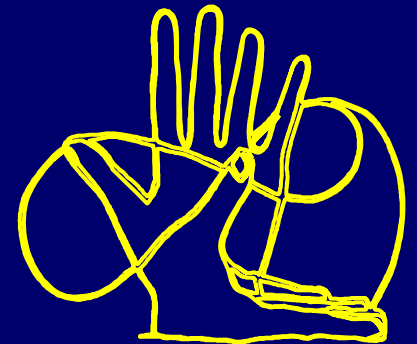
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How I Became An AME ...

Why I Remain An AME ...



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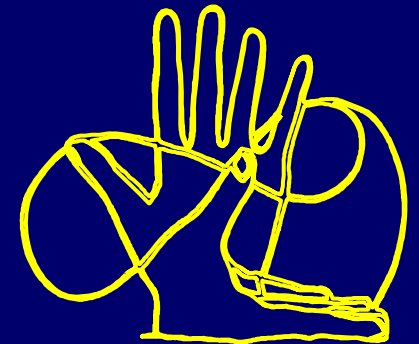
To Be ...

OR

Not To Be ...



That Is The Question ...



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What Does An AME Do?

- Examines A Patient
- Reviews Records
- Generates An AME Report

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AME Issues May Include ...

- Claim Acceptance/Denial
- Treatment vs. Permanent & Stationary
- Residual Disability
- Work Restrictions
- Causation/Appportionment
- Future Medical Care

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AME Reports

- Entry Into The System
- Treatment/Define Clinical Pathways
- Leaving The System
- Disability Evaluation

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Agreed Medical Evaluator (AME)

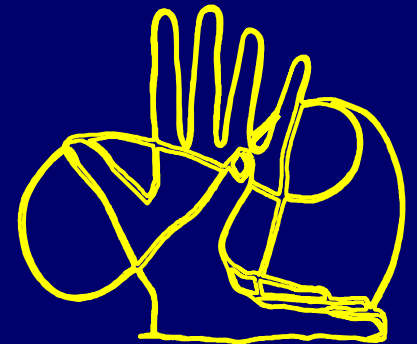
Reasons To Consider:

- Augment Income
- Fill Open Schedule Time
- Authority Figure
- Frustration With Treatment Process

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AME – Reasons To Consider

“ There Were Three Stone
Masons Building A
Cathedral ... ”



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Agreed Medical Evaluator (AME)

Reasons To Consider:

A Good AME Report ...

- Facilitates Good Medical Care
- Expedites Solution Of A Dispute
- Allows A Medically Driven Legal System To Function

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- A Good AME Report
 - Must Address The Substantive Evidence Of Each Position
 - Must Reach Reasonable Conclusions
 - Allows The Attorneys To Settle The Case / Issue

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AME Resolution Of Issues.

- Don't Tell
The Truth
Just
Cut The Baby
In Half
- Write An Ethical
Report That Allows
The Attorneys To
Settle The
Issue/Case
- Take The High Road ...

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Why I Remain An AME ...

It Requires ...

- Careful Review Of Available Facts
- Analysis Of The Medical Problem
- Judgment In Contested Areas
- Communication Skills To Explain Your Opinions

Its Important!

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How To Market Yourself As An AME

- “If You Write It ... They Will Come ...”

Do One Good Report!

- Don't Create Disputes
- If You Disagree ... Say So
And ... **Explain Your Reasons**

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Orthopaedic AME

The Orthopaedic Community
Must Remain

The Force

Behind

Evidence Based Medicine

Let the Force...



Be With You...