

California Orthopaedic Association

Test Questions

So You Want to Be An AME

"The Changing Role of AMEs/QMEs"

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- _____ 1. Effective, April 19, 2004, apportionment is based on causation of permanent disability.
a - True b - False
- _____ 2. One of the most important changes in the Workers' Compensation disability system is that as of January 1, 2005, the AMA Guides will provide uniform criteria to evaluate and rate disabilities?
a - True b - False
- _____ 3. In order for the report to be complete, causation must now be addressed in all disability reports.
a - True b - False
- _____ 4. A good AME report must address substantial evidence of each position take by the AME in an unbiased, thorough, reasonable and responsible manner. a - True b - False
- _____ 5. Attorneys seek reports that allow them to settle the issue or case. a - True b - False
- _____ 6. AMEs/QMEs can give an estimate of their findings on the percentage of disability without providing documentation as to how they reached their conclusions? a - True b - False
- _____ 7. Apportionment is a combination of law and fact. Physicians should not get caught up in the legal disputes. a - True b - False
- _____ 8. Physicians must make a reasoned judgment on apportionment based on an injured worker's pre-existing conditions when determining levels of impairment. a - True b - False
- _____ 9. Important factors to consider when determining causation:
a. severity of the injury
b. severity of the pre-existing condition
c. effect on the injured worker and their ability to perform their job
d. all of the above
e. none of the above
- _____ 10. Pre-existing conditions can be overridden if the job could have more likely than not caused the injury independent of the pre-existing condition. a - True b - False
- _____ 11. What is not the likely cause of a permanent disability?
a. trauma
b. pathology
c. that the employee worked for the employer
d. risk factors
- _____ 12. Labor Code Section 4664 dealing with the employer's percentage of liability, is a very important code section for physicians to understand and apply? a - True b - False
- _____ 13. An accumulation of all permanent disability awards can total 125% over the employee's lifetime.
a - True b - False

- _____ 14. Under a Medical Provider Network, an injured worker can request a QME evaluation before having three physicians who are part of the MPN evaluate them if the dispute is over medical treatment. a - True b - False
- _____ 15. Defense and applicant attorneys should tell AMEs/QMEs what issue(s) they want addressed in the Medical-Legal report. a - True b - False
- _____ 16. AMEs/QMEs are supposed to resolve disputes not create new ones. a - True b - False
- _____ 17. Cumulative trauma results from a single specific episode or injury. a - True b - False
- _____ 18. Cumulative trauma must have:
a. industrial exposure
b. disability or need for treatment
c. causal connection
d. all of the above
- _____ 19. Attorneys will depose the AME if:
a. don't like the physician's opinion
b. their opinion is ambiguous
c. they believe there is a basis for changing the physician's mind
d. all of the above
- _____ 20. The AME report must provide a rationale for how you reached your conclusions. a - True b - False
- _____ 21. An AME report can conclude that they cannot determine levels of disability as long as the AME indicates why he/she was not able to make the determination. a - True b - False
- _____ 22. Attorneys should provide the AME with the following:
a. instructions as to where to send the AME report
b. letter laying out the issues and scope of the evaluation
c. date(s) of injuries
d. whether any videos has been shown to the other attorney
e. all of the above
- _____ 23. When an AME is deposed, he/she should never change their opinion. a - True b - False
- _____ 24. A treating physician performing a permanent and stationary report should address the same issues as contained in an AME/QME report? a - True b - False
- _____ 25. Over 90% of musculoskeletal procedures are evidence-based. a - True b - False
- _____ 26. When requesting authorization for treatment, the utilization review company always has access to the complete medical records of the injured worker. a - True b - False
- _____ 27. The practice guidelines developed by the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) are mandates, not recommendations. a - True b - False
- _____ 28. The ACOEM practice guidelines or other guidelines adopted by the Administrative Director are presumptively correct on treatment issues. a - True b - False
- _____ 29. Where utilization review denies or disputes a primary treating physician's treatment recommendation, the PTP or injured worker has no further recourse. a - True b - False
- _____ 30. Procedures that are not included in the ACOEM Practice Guidelines are not permitted under the Workers' Compensation system. a - True b - False

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