



PERMANENT MEDICAL IMPAIRMENT ASSESSMENT

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What is a Permanent Medical Impairment (PMI) Assessment?



Some work injuries result in a permanent loss of function to areas of the body affected by an injury. This loss of function may continue even after complete and appropriate medical treatment. This is called a Permanent Medical Impairment (PMI).

A PMI assessment is an examination to determine and measure the extent of the permanent impairment.

The review is a thorough examination of the injury and any areas that may be affected by the injury.

1. WHO EXAMINES ME?

The PMI examination is conducted by a medical practitioner who is selected according to the type of injury and the specific needs of the exam. You may be examined by a Physiotherapist or another medical specialist. We select a provider based on the workplace injury you sustained.

2. WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE ASSESSMENT?

The medical practitioner gathers general background information from you about your health and the nature of your injury. After the background information is collected, they conduct a thorough physical exam in relation to your injury and any areas affected by it using tests for motion, strength, and sensation. These tests are not strenuous and are conducted in a manner that minimizes discomfort as much as possible. You may also be asked to complete a questionnaire, which will be provided to you by your case manager.



It is important for the practitioner to conduct a thorough physical exam, as medically appropriate, for an accurate assessment. If it is determined that there is a permanent impairment as a result of the compensable workplace injury, an Impairment Rating is assigned by the WSCC Medical Advisor based on your examination and used to calculate benefits.

If you have questions specific to your claim, please be sure to call or make an appointment with your Case Manager, who will be happy to assist you.



If you have any further questions about your PMI assessment, contact your Adjudicator or Case Manager directly. Please have your claim number handy.

