



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF
OCCUPATIONAL AND
ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE

AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment 6th Edition: A Case Based Approach to Understanding and Implementing the Guides

Friday April 29, 2022

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment[®] are the trusted source that physicians and others in almost all states rely on for impartial and dependable impairment ratings. This single-day course, led by **Douglas W. Martin, MD FACOEM FIAIME FAAFP**, who is the current co-chair of the AMA Guides Editorial Panel, uses case presentations to help attendees learn how to assess and convey patient impairments using the AMA Guides 6th Edition, which are considered the benchmark for detailing permanent impairment to support insurance, legal, and administrative system needs.

Content will be focused on the three musculoskeletal chapters of the *AMA Guides*[®] (Upper Extremity, Lower Extremity and Spine) and will also include discussion of commonly encountered diagnoses that appear in other chapters. The complex cases will use scenarios where multiple organ systems will need to be evaluated, thereby utilizing multiple chapters of the *AMA Guides*[®]. Initially, the course faculty will work through cases using the *AMA Guides*[®] and pointing out details and pitfalls. Once a few cases are completed, the participant will work through a case scenario independently. Faculty will then review the case pointing out important details and commonly misapplied areas.

IMPORTANT: Course attendees must have access to the AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, Sixth Edition. Attendees may bring the book version of the 6th ed (2008) or have access via their own personal device to the AMA Guides 6th Digital. These are available from the AMA as part of the new AMA Guides Digital Platform or as a text from AMA Press. [Click here for more information and to purchase the Guide.](#)

AGENDA

8:00-9:00am	Introduction - AMA Guides 6th Fundamentals
9:00-10:15am	Upper Extremity
10:15-10:30am	BREAK
10:30-12:00 noon	Upper Extremity Continued
12:00-12:30 pm	LUNCH
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Lower Extremity
2:00p.m.-2:15 p.m.	BREAK
2:15p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Spine
3:30 p.m-4:30pm	Other Chapters

FACULTY

Douglas Martin MD is Medical Director at UnityPoint Health -- St Luke's Occupational Medicine in Sioux City, Iowa. He received his MD from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. Dr Martin is certified in family medicine by the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) and is a certified MRO and FAA aviation medical examiner. He is also listed on the FMCSA's NRCME. Dr Martin is a member of the Central States OEMA component.



ACCREDITATION AND CREDIT DESIGNATION STATEMENT

The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 7.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be able to:

- Evaluate multiple organ systems.
- Apply the 6th Edition of the AMA Guides® to worker impairment evaluations.
- Derive an accurate impairment rating.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This course would appeal to both the new learner of the Guides (those physicians who have never received training and those who desire to add impairment evaluations to their menu of services) and the physician who would like a refresher course or a new approach to applying the Guides information to impairment evaluations.

ABMS CORE COMPETENCIES

This course will address the following ACGME/ABMS Competencies:

- Systems-based Practice
- Medical Knowledge
- Professionalism

TUITION

Includes course materials, breakfast, lunch, breaks and CME credits

- ACOEM Member: \$565*
- Non-member: \$665*
- Resident/Retired/Student Member: \$395*

**Please note that fees increase by \$100 after March 31, 2022.*

REGISTRATION

Register online by [clicking here](#). This is the AOHC registration site, but you can indicate that you are only attending a pre/post course at the very bottom of the second page. Please contact us at educationinfo@acoem.org with any questions.