

Industrial Insurance Medical Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: April 10, 2008

Time: 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Location: Washington Mutual Leadership Center at Cedarbrook
Simply Cedar Conference Room
18525 36th Avenue South
Sea Tac, Washington 98188

Minutes

Topic	Discussion and Outcome
Welcome and Introductions Review day's agenda	<p>IIMAC Members Present: John Patz, Gerald Yorioka, Kirk Harmon, G.A. DeAndrea, Robert Lang, Jordan Firestone, Janet Ploss, Greg Carter, Mark Sullivan, Andrew Friedman, Dianna Chamblin, Ruth Bishop</p> <p>IIMAC Members Absent: Sohail Mirza, Wally Krengel</p> <p>L&I Staff Present: Gary Franklin, Hal Stockbridge, LaVonda McCandless, Karen Jost, Carole Horrell, Josh Morse, Janet Blume, Sandy Mugartegui, Pattie Phillips, Simone Javaher</p> <p>Members of the Public Present: Melissa Johnson, Elaine Armentrout, & Peter Rigby from PTWA; Bea Scott, Brian Bellamy, & Debi Blaskovich from Orthofix; Jim Hedrick from AdvaMed; Drs. Eric Wall and Ken O'Bara from Qualis Health, William Struyk from Johnson & Johnson</p>
Election of committee chair & vice chair	<p>Roles of Chair and Vice-chair were reviewed. Dr. Sullivan requested to have his name withdrawn from nominations for vice-chair. Called for any additional nominations or self-nominations – no one else came forward. Candidates spoke about why they were interested in the positions. Dr. Robert Lang was elected as Chair and Dr. Dianna Chamblin is new vice-chair. Meeting leadership was handed over to Drs. Lang and Chamblin.</p>
Electrodiagnostic Studies (EDX) Policy Presentation	<p>Presented latest draft EDX policy. Language was clarified about who can make a diagnosis based on test results. See amended policy for final policy wording. The policy does not address the quality of the tests and their results. There is no study that addresses any difference in quality of test results and interpretation between physicians and physical therapists.</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN: Chair asked if there was consensus on the policy as amended – per show of hands, all recommended approving the amended policy.</p> <p>FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION: Future draft policies that are ready for committee action will include a table summarizing public comments received and the department's responses to them. Will also include a summary of the literature reviewed, and will specify what classes of evidence have been used.</p>
Public comment on EDX options	<p>Two members of the public spoke in support of the policy as it's written.</p>
Prioritization of Practice Guidelines	<p>IIMAC members suggested Total Knee Replacement and Thoracic Outlet Syndrome as guidelines to work on in the future. Committee members would like to help update those that are overdue for review and/or revision. Dr. Lang would like to see them all reviewed and brought up to date now and then follow with a yearly review schedule.</p>
Update on Health Technology Clinical Committee and Lumbar Fusion	<p>The Health Technology Clinical Committee (HTCC) fusion decision was for patients with DJD. See handout for final decision. The HTCC also reviewed provocative discography and determined it is not covered for patients with chronic low back pain and DJD. Decision would not apply if the patient had other conditions. We have to</p>

Guidelines	develop new fusion guideline to be in compliance with HTCC decision.
Future topics and subcommittee formation (ad hoc or standing) for guideline development (meet between quarterly IIMAC meetings)	<p>Guidelines for upper extremity entrapment neuropathies are needed. Carpal Tunnel, ulnar neuropathy, pronator teres all need to be addressed, as well as Thoracic Outlet Syndrome (but start with CTS). Committee members also interested in addressing chronic pain management. Now is the time to evaluate what the optimal components and delivery methods are.</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN: Chair called for consensus to form a subcommittee to work on upper extremity entrapment neuropathies. All members agreed. Chair asked for members to volunteer to be on the subcommittee and Drs Carter, DeAndrea, Chamblin, Firestone, and Friedman volunteered. Chair asked for volunteer to chair subcommittee and Dr. Chamblin offered; all members agreed.</p> <p>FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION: Would like to meet in 6-8 weeks and start preparing something to present at July IIMAC. June 4th is tentative date; members will send confirmation notice of their availability to Simone Javaher.</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN: Dr. Lang called for consensus to form a second subcommittee to begin looking into pain management work. All IIMAC members agreed to form a pain management subcommittee to learn about key issues and start to formulate ideas. Members who that came forward include: Friedman, Patz, Ploss, Chamblin, Lang, Yorioka, & Sullivan. Will wait on naming chair of pain subcommittee.</p>
Wrap-up and next meeting preview	Next meeting is scheduled for July 10 th at WA Mutual Leadership Center Cedarbrook. Tentative agenda includes first report from entrapment neuropathies subcommittee.