

**SEAK, Inc. and the California Society of Industrial Medicine and Surgery
Proudly Present:**

***How to Understand and Use the Newly Mandated
AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment (Fifth Edition)***

June 19-20, 2004, Saturday-Sunday, Los Angeles, CA

Executive Summary: The Fifth Edition of the *AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment* is the newly mandated standard for determining permanent disability for California Workers' Compensation claims. This two day interactive program will teach you how to perform, review, challenge and defend permanent impairment evaluations under the *AMA Guides*. This intensive and practical seminar is a must for anyone involved in the workers' compensation or personal injury arenas. It is taught by the two leading national authorities on the *AMA Guides*. Case studies and interactive demonstrations will be utilized.

Learning Objectives:

- Correctly rate impairment under the newly mandated 5th Edition of The Guides,
- Identify inconsistencies and problematic issues in The Guides,
- Challenge and defend ratings during cross-examination,
- Identify the most common mistakes regarding impairment ratings, and
- Be well prepared to use the Guides under the new workers' compensation law.

Faculty:

Christopher R. Brigham, MD, MMS, FACOEM, FAADEP, CIME is regarded as one of the world's leading experts on the use of the *AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment* (www.impairment.com) and the performance of independent medical evaluations. He serves as the Editor of the AMA Guides Newsletter and served on the Senior Advisory Committee to the Fifth Edition of the AMA Guides and as a reviewer. He has performed and reviewed several thousand impairment evaluations. Dr. Brigham is the Founding Director of the American Board of Independent Medical Examiners. Chris is a highly regarded professional speaker, trainer and author of several texts including the AMA companion text to the Guides, the Guides Casebook.

Steven Babitsky, Esq. is a former workers' compensation attorney who is the co-author of the texts Understanding the AMA Guides in Workers' Compensation (Aspen 2002) and Writing and Defending Your IME Report (SEAK 2004). He is the co-founder of the American Board of Independent Medical Examiners, the Founder of the National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives and now serves as the President of SEAK, Inc (www.seak.com). He is the producer of the video series *How to Use The AMA Guides Fourth Edition* and the seminar leader for SEAK's Annual National Workers' Compensation and Occupational Medicine Conference.

Topics:

- Philosophy, Purpose, Terminology and Appropriate Use of the Guides
- Practical Application of the Guides
- Legal Issues
- Chapter 13 - Nervous System
- Chapter 14 - Mental and Behavioral Disorders
- Chapter 15 - The Spine
- Chapter 16 - The Upper Extremities
- Chapter 17 - The Lower Extremities
- Chapter 18 - Pain
- Challenging and Defending Ratings During Cross-Examination

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment (Fifth Edition)

Dates, Location & Times: The seminar will take place on Saturday and Sunday June 19-20, 2004 at Mount St. Mary's College (Chalon Campus, 12001 Chalon Road) in the Brentwood section of Los Angeles. The seminar will be held in the "Little Theater" on the fourth floor of the Humanities Building. You will be provided with driving directions and a list of nearby hotels when you register. The seminar starts at 8:00am each day and concludes at 4:30pm on Saturday, June 19 and 3:00pm on Sunday, June 20.

Tuition: Tuition is \$795 which includes a detailed seminar manual and continental breakfast and lunch with faculty each day.

Continuing Education Credits:

Attorneys (MCLE): CSIMS certifies that this activity also conforms to the standards for approved education activities prescribed by the rules and regulations of the State Bar of California, provider #2223, governing minimum continuing legal education. Attorneys attending this course may report up to 12 hours of credit.

Chiropractors: An application is pending with the Board of Chiropractic Examiners for authority to award up to 12 hours of credit for relicensure for Doctors of Chiropractic.

Physicians: SEAK, Inc. is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide Continuing Medical Education (CME) for physicians, psychologists and podiatrists. SEAK designates this program for a maximum of 12 Category I credits toward the AMA's Physician's Recognition Award. Each person should only claim those credits that he/she actually spent in the activity.

Qualified Medical Evaluators (QME): Physicians may receive up to 12 hours of credit for continuing education in impairment evaluation and workers' compensation-related medical dispute evaluation pursuant to Labor Code §139.2(d)(3) and 8 CCR §53. CSIMS is DWC-approved provider #140.

Cancellations: Cancellations received in writing before June 1, 2004 will receive a full refund. Persons canceling after June 1, 2004, will not receive a refund, but will be provided with the course materials.

Registration Form

Mail to:

SEAK, Inc. P. O. Box 729, Falmouth, MA 02541

or Fax to:

508-540-8304

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