



## AMA 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Impairment Rating Exam—Niles, IL (Effective 03/14/2018)

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Send Correspondence to the Business Office: **Spine Consultants**  
221 E Lake Street, Suite 102  
Addison, IL 60101

IME Location: Spine Consultants; 8816 Dempster Street; Niles, IL 60714

Body Parts: cervical spine (neck); thoracic spine; lumbar spine (low back)

Contact: Workers' Compensation Dept. 773-321-2800 Fax: 773-321-2801 Email: [wc@spineconsultants.org](mailto:wc@spineconsultants.org)

Spine Consultants Tax ID: 27-0980626

### Patient

- Patient will be asked for a photo ID, which is used to verify the patient. If patient does not have a photo ID the appointment will be canceled (see charge protocol below.)
- Patient is **required to complete registration paperwork** before the physician will see the patient.
- Patient is advised to arrive 30 minutes early. Physician may not perform an IME if patient is **more than 15 minutes late** (per Spine Consultants Schedule). A no-show charge will be assessed. (See charge protocol below.)

### Medical Records

- **NO records are to be mailed to the exam location. Records brought to the appointment will be considered an addendum.**
- **Prior films (x-ray; MRI; CT) must be sent to the business office 48 hours prior to the appointment.** If prior films are not available at the appointment, the patient may not be seen and considered a no show.
- **All medical records MUST be received at the business office 7 business days prior to the appointment.**
- Medical records can be mailed to the business office or e-mailed to: [wc@spineconsultants.org](mailto:wc@spineconsultants.org)
- Medical records should be in date order with the most recent on the bottom. Medical records that require re-organization may be assessed an additional charge (see charge protocol below.)

### Impairment Rating Dictation Distribution

- The Impairment Rating dictation will only be sent to the names listed on the Impairment Rating intake form.
- To add a contact to the distribution list, please contact us.

### Case Managers

- Case managers will be allowed in the exam room during the physician/patient exam (including for interpreting purposes.)

### Interpreters

- A professional interpreter should be provided for the patient who cannot speak English fluently. If a professional interpreter is not provided, the patient will be considered a no-show and a no-show charge will be assessed (see charge protocol below.)

### Charges

- Impairment Rating exam deposit pre-payment of \$600 is due 4 business days prior to the appointment. If appropriate, extra impairment rating charges & x-ray charges will be billed. Reports are not released until all monies are received.
- Impairment Rating appointment without pre-payment 4 business days in advance may be cancelled.
- **Payments are due in full—no discounts.** All reports will not be released until payment in full has been received.
- IME appointment videotaped will be assessed an additional fee of \$300.00.
- Non-professional charges (e.g. Durable Medical Equipment (DME), x-rays, etc.) are not included in the above charges
- Scheduling the Impairment Rating exam appointment signifies agreement to the above charges.
- Surveillance should be under separate cover and will be charged as a record review at \$1000/hour and on a separate report.
- **Standard Impairment Rating Exam base charge \$600 + medical record review charge + medical record summary charge**
  - No show or cancel less than 2 business days prior to the appointment **\$600**
  - Record review - \$1,000/hour; billed in 15 min increments.
  - Record summary - \$200/hour; billed in 15 minute increments.
  - Record reorganization - \$100/hour; billed in 15 minute increments.
  - To address other questions beyond impairment, we have no problem performing an IME in addition to the Impairment Rating exam (NOTE: Impairment Rating exam charge will be **\$600 PLUS the IME charge** (see IME charge protocol)