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**#5006 DISABILITY
ASSESSMENT AND
IMPAIRMENT RATING,
CURRENT EDITION:
PAIN, MUSCULOSKELETAL,
NEUROLOGICAL, AND ORGAN SYSTEMS**

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OVERVIEW

The *AMA Guides* to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment has become the most recognized and generally accepted source for rating an individual's permanent impairment. In the US, 40 out of 51 jurisdictions (District of Columbia and 50 states) use the *AMA Guides*. There is a growing trend internationally to adopt a system of impairment assessment such as in the *Guides*. It is used in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and some European countries.

The 5th edition incorporates updates in diagnostic criteria, key definition clarification, and more user friendly applications based on a blend of evidence-based principles and specialty society consensus recommendations. This enhances the readability, usability and consistency of this impairment rating system. Since the most current criteria, procedures and prevailing medical opinion are incorporated, it is strongly recommended that the 5th edition be utilized as directed by statute, regulation or by administrative/legal practice.

This 36 hour didactic course deals with the use of methods of evaluation necessary to determine the presence, nature and extent of functional impairment of pain, and musculoskeletal, neurological and organ systems utilizing the *AMA Guides* 5th Edition. Your faculty have been trained by programs offered through the AMA, ACOEM and ABIME and have presented this and/or similar programs to other healthcare professionals. This course provides the evaluator with the necessary knowledge, education, training and skill to be able to render an impairment rating on a par with other disciplines/specialties.

This course has been formulated to:

- Develop specialized knowledge, comprehension, and understanding of standardized criteria and methods of evaluation of the pain, musculoskeletal, neurological and organ systems and assignment of impairment.
- Discuss the use of the *AMA Guides* in the evaluation of Workers Compensation systems.

- Discuss the process of reporting and courtroom testimony tactics for impairment rating.
- This course is co-sponsored by the College on Forensic Science (CFS) (www.forensic-sciences.org) is a subsidiary of the Council on Chiropractic Orthopedics (CCO) of the ACA. The CFS provides graduate and postdoctoral needs-based educational activities in impairment rating and evaluation for disability systems.

- The American Board of Forensic Professionals (ABFP) is a not-for-profit corporation, which is recognized by the ACA as the examining and certification body for the CFS. Currently, the ABFP offers diplomate certification (300+ hours) in the field of forensic sciences (DABFP), and certification in DOT and impairment rating (international) based on the current edition of the *AMA Guides* to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment. This program meets the credit hour requirements for certification through the ABFP. If interested in attaining international certification in impairment rating, contact the ABFP at 520-323-2888 or rinconchiro@gci-net.com for details.

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