

**WYOMING WORKERS' SAFETY AND COMPENSATION**  
**MEDICAL COMMISSION**

Pre-surgical Psychological Evaluations  
Report Guidelines

Pre-surgical psychological evaluations-report guidelines were developed and recommended to the Division of Worker's Safety and Compensation by Medical Commission subcommittee members:

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The recommendations were developed by combining evidence from the medical literature with the opinions of clinical expert consultants, and community based practicing physicians. These report guidelines will be used in the Workers' Compensation injured worker population and therefore the guidelines are more heavily based on expert opinion from Medical Commission panel members.

Health Care Providers are expected to be familiar with the guidelines and follow the recommendations, however, the Medical Commission members and Division recognizes the guidelines are not hard and fast rules. The guidelines are meant to be a standard for the majority of requests. Injured workers', who appear not to meet the guideline criteria, will have a further review by a specialty-matched physician for further assessment of the clinical findings.

Guidelines will be re-reviewed by Medical Commission subcommittee members at scheduled timeframes depending on the amount of received recommendations for changes by community practicing physicians and subcommittee members.

Pre-surgical psychological evaluations-report guidelines are recommended to the Division Administrator, Steve Czoschke on February 07, 2011.

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Division of Workers' Safety and Compensation adopted and began implementation of the Presurgical psychological evaluations-report guidelines on February 07, 2011