The meeting will begin shortly. Participants will be placed in the waiting room until the meeting begins at 6:00 pm CT
Topics

• AMA Guides Digital
• AMA Guides Sixth 2021 Content Changes
• 2021 Plan
  • Application Enhancements
  • Proposed Editorial Policy
  • Content Roadmap
  • Education
  • Discussion
• Subcommittee Update
• Closing / Executive Session
Establishment of Quorum

• Attendance will be taken to establish Panel quorum.

Panel Members

Helene Fearon, PT  Doug Martin, MD  Noah Raizman, MD
Steven Feinberg, MD  Kano Mayer, MD  Michael Saffir, MD
David Gloss, MD  Mark Melhorn, MD  Jan Towers, PhD
Robert Goldberg, DO  Lylas Mogk, MD
Rita Livingston, MD, MPH  Marilyn Price, MD

Panel Advisors

Chris Brigham, MD  Abbie Hudgens, MPA
Hon. Shannon Bruno Bishop, JD  Hon. David Langham, JD
Barry Gelinas, MD, DC
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AMA Guides Sixth 2021
AMA Guides Sixth 2021 Adoption

• Early Access Program meeting on January 26th will discuss the implementation and roll out of AMA Guides Sixth 2021

• States that recognize the sixth edition or most recent edition of the AMA Guides are encouraged to sign up

• Subsequent communications and education will assist states with adoption of AMA Guides Sixth 2021

• Contact: AMAGuides@ama-assn.org for more information and to sign up
Editorial Review Process

Content Need Identified Via:
- Community
- Panel (Editorial Priorities)
- Panel Designee

Proposal Development and Submission

Concept Acceptance
- Concept review/assessment
- Application of appropriate acceptance criteria by category
- Accepted by Guides* Panel

Content Development
- Medical Writer supported by submitter(s)
- Peer review by specialty experts as determined by AMA & Panel

Preliminary Approval
- Proposed language presented to AMA Guides* Editorial Panel for approval
- Proposal accepted by Editorial Panel

Public Comment Period
- AMA Federation
- Allied Health Associations
- Workers’ Comp Associations
- Legal Associations
- Input is Advisory-only

Revisions
- If needed based on advisory comment

Content Editing

Panel Approval
- Publishing on Scheduled Cadence
## Mental and Behavioral Health Update

Approved by the Editorial Panel October 22, 2020

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American Psychological Association | Glenn Martin, MD  
Les Kertay, PhD | To update the chapter on Mental and Behavioral Disorders. Proposed updates to this Chapter include:  
- Descriptions of Malingering and Motivation  
- Newer editions of Assessment Tools and Tests, covered in Table 14-3  
- Removal of summaries of psychiatric diagnoses and conditions from the Glossary | Approve |
| 3b |  |  | To update the chapter on Mental and Behavioral Disorders. Proposed updates to this Chapter include:  
- Change from DSM IV to DSM 5 terminology and methodology (with exception to the Global Assessment of Functioning (GAF)) | Revise |

Panel recommended action/revision: Approve DSM 5 update but eliminate the GAF and average the other PIRS and BPRS Scales with the understanding that a larger review and recommendation for the replacement of the GAF and chapter methodology would be forthcoming.
Chapter 16 and 17
Editorial Enhancements

- Preliminary approval by the Editorial Panel during the November 12, 2020 meeting

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Action Requested from the Editorial Panel

• To adopt changes to AMA Guides Sixth 2021 as written:
  • Mental and Behavioral Disorders
  • Lower Extremity
  • Spine
Voting on AMA Guides Sixth 2021

Panel members please vote using Qualtrics link

The public forum will resume momentarily. Public participants please stand by.
AMA Guides
2021 Look Ahead

Toms V. Thomas, MD
Member since 2017
AMA Guides Online Submission Portal

- Centralized location for Applicants and Panel Members to submit and review information related to Editorial Change Proposals
- Release target: March 2021
New Proposed Policy for Minor Editorial Updates

Path forward for expedited adoption of changes that are editorial in nature (i.e., no impact on impairment ratings)

Encourage stakeholders to submit proposals that will improve the AMA Guides and reduce review burden on Editorial Panel

Policy would be adopted as part of the AMA Guides Panel Operating Procedures
Policy for Expedited Panel Approval of Minor Editorial Updates to the AMA Guides

Proposed editorial changes that are considered minor in nature may be adopted without final Editorial Panel approval of the editorial copy. Such proposed changes must satisfy the following criteria:

- Editorial in nature only (e.g., grammar, spelling, formatting)
- No impact on impairment rating methodology or factors
- No implications or changes in practices
- No impact to other Guides content

Proposals submitted for expedited review are subject to the same AMA Guides Application criteria.
Anticipated Content Roadmap

2021
Mental and Behavioral Health

2022
Spine
Patient Reported Outcome Measures
Central and Peripheral NS / TBI

2023 and Beyond
Ophthalmology
Rating Terminology
Upper & Lower Extremity
AMA Ed Hub

Lesson 2 - History of the AMA Guides

What is Changing in AMA Guides Sixth 2021 and Why?

Achieving accurate, equitable and consistent impairment ratings means that methodology should change when medical advances change long term patient outcomes.
Subcommittee Update and 2021 Outlook

**Newsletter**
- Classification of authoritative content to designate on AMA Guides Digital
- Previously-published content being identified by Newsletter editor based on criteria approved by the Panel
- Editorial deadlines defined; subcommittee working to align review cycles with the deadlines

**Digital**
- Guides Digital Enhancements
- Review and Feedback on Versioning Strategy
- Guides Product Portfolio
AMA Guides® Panel Meeting Calendar- 2021

January 21, 2021 (VIRTUAL)  6 PM  8 PM  
February 18, 2021 (VIRTUAL)  6 PM  8 PM  
March 18, 2021 (VIRTUAL)  6 PM  8 PM  
April 15, 2021 (All Day*)  8 AM  4 PM  
May 20, 2021 (VIRTUAL)  6 PM  8 PM  
June 24, 2021 (VIRTUAL)  6 PM  8 PM  
July 29, 2021 (VIRTUAL)  6 PM  8 PM  
August 26, 2021 (VIRTUAL)  6 PM  8 PM  
September 16, 2021 (VIRTUAL)  6 PM  8 PM  
October 14, 2021 (All Day*)  8 AM  4 PM  
November 18, 2021 (VIRTUAL)  6 PM  8 PM  
December 16, 2021 (VIRTUAL)  6 PM  8 PM  

*subject to feasibility in connection with any ongoing pandemic or other public health emergency
Discussion

Kamalika Roy, MD
Member since 2012
Closing

• Next public meeting: **February 18, 2021 at 6:00pm CT**
• Panel Members and Advisors will reconvene in Executive Session momentarily. Please stand by.
• Public meeting is adjourned.
Executive Session

Hari Iyer
Member since 2017
Physicians’ powerful ally in patient care