



AMA Guides® Editorial Panel

**Virtual Panel Meeting
Thursday, January 21st, 2021**

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
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David Gloss, MD
Robert Goldberg, DO
Rita Livingston, MD, MPH

Doug Martin, MD
Kano Mayer, MD
Mark Melhorn, MD
Lylas Mogk, MD
Marilyn Price, MD

Noah Raizman, MD
Michael Saffir, MD
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Panel Advisors

Chris Brigham, MD
Hon. Shannon Bruno Bishop, JD
Barry Gelinas, MD, DC

Abbie Hudgens, MPA
Hon. David Langham, JD

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- Webcams are optional but may be used if Panel Members and Advisors wish to do so
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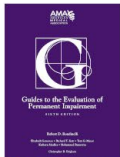
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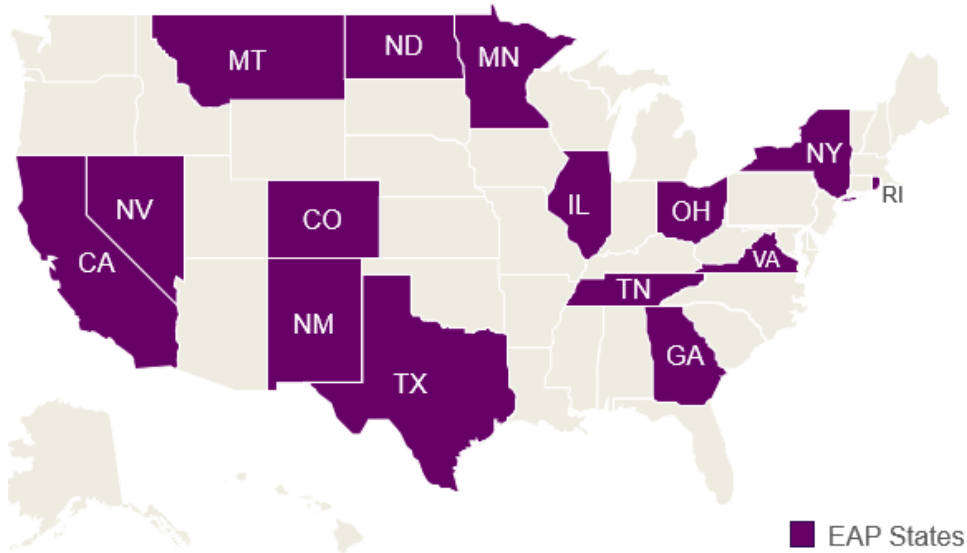
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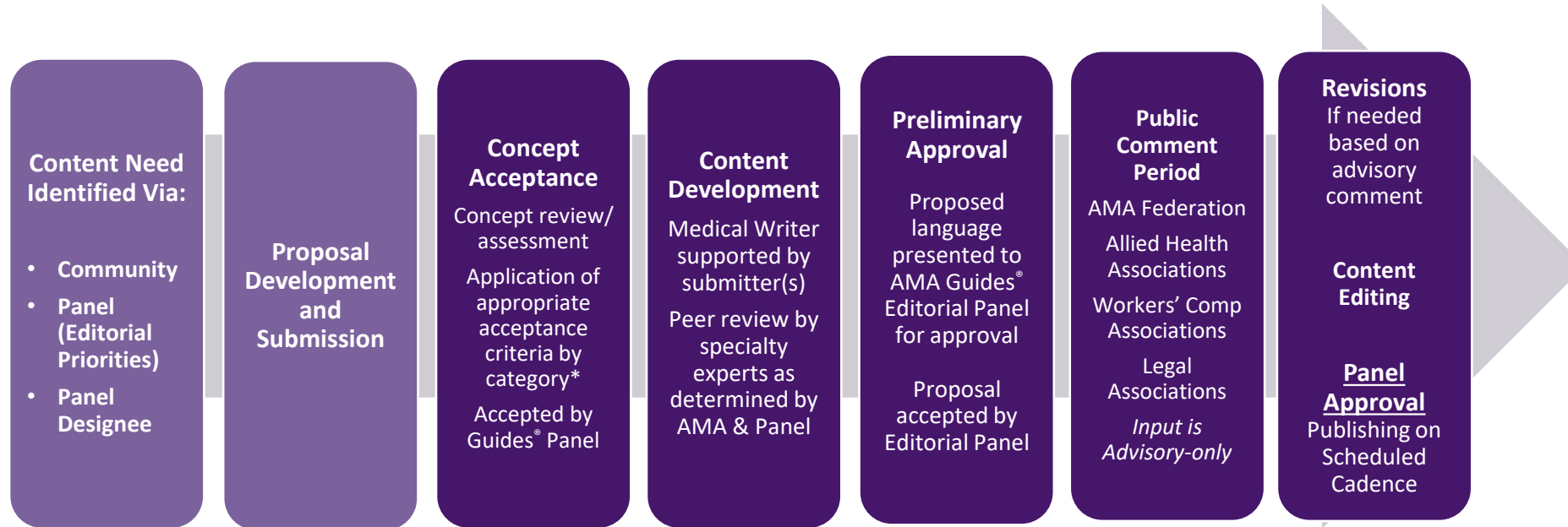
Theresa Phan, MD
Member since 2013

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



Mental and Behavioral Health Update

Approved by the Editorial Panel October 22, 2020

ID	Affiliated Organization(s)	Applicant Name(s)	Action Requested	Editorial Panel Action
3a	American Psychiatric Association American Psychological Association	Glenn Martin, MD Les Kertay, PhD	To update the chapter on Mental and Behavioral Disorders. Proposed updates to this Chapter include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change from DSM IV to DSM 5 terminology and methodology (with exception to the Global Assessment of Functioning (GAF)) 	Revise <u>Panel recommended action/revision:</u> <u>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.</u>

Chapter 16 and 17 Editorial Enhancements

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

#	Chapter (Page #)	Change Description
1	Chapter 16 Table 16-3 (509)	Table 16-3 page 509 needs the word "meniscectomy" after the word "partial (medial and lateral)" within the class 1 definition and must also add the word "meniscectomy" for the class 2 definition under the class definition of meniscal injury. Add the word "meniscectomy" to these sections of the table.
2	Chapter 16 Table 16-12 (534) Table 16-15 (541) Table 16-24 (549)	Globally a colon is used as the punctuation mark in the upper extremity chapters before the term "Upper Extremities" while a hyphen is used before virtually all tables describing the "Lower Extremities" in the 15th and 16th chapters respectively. For instance Table 15-21 page 436 is entitled, "Peripheral Nerve impairment: Upper Extremity Impairments," while the analogous Table 16-12 on page 534 is entitled, "Peripheral Nerve impairment - Lower Extremity Impairments." Replace all '-' with ':' in Chapter 16.
3	Chapter 16 (516)	A disparity of font (on pages 406 of the upper extremity and 516 of the lower extremity) is noted despite both sections discussing that the functional history modifier should only be used once. You will note that there is a box around the upper extremity about this direction in the upper extremity versus being bolded only on page 516. Please add the same box around text on page 406 to 516.
4	Chapter 16 Example 16-10 (526)	Page 526, Example 16-10 uses the term "subluxing" versus the more grammatically correct term "subluxating." Change subluxing to subluxating.
5	Chapter 16 Page 527	The term "right knee" appearing between the two colons of the second paragraph in the right hand column of page 527 be bolded, similar to the words "left knee" found before the colon in the third paragraph in that same page. I leave it to the panel to potentially improve the grammar as I am unaware when as grammatically correct sentence can have two colons. Bold the term right knee and add a hard return.
6	Chapter 17 Table 17-3 (567)	Table 17-3 page 567 does not have a similar subheading of "soft tissue and nonspecific conditions," within the thoracic spine, as those found on Tables 17-2 and 17-4 on pages 546 and 570 respectively describing the cervical and lumbar spine. Please add subheading "soft tissue and nonspecific conditions" to the top of table 17-3.

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

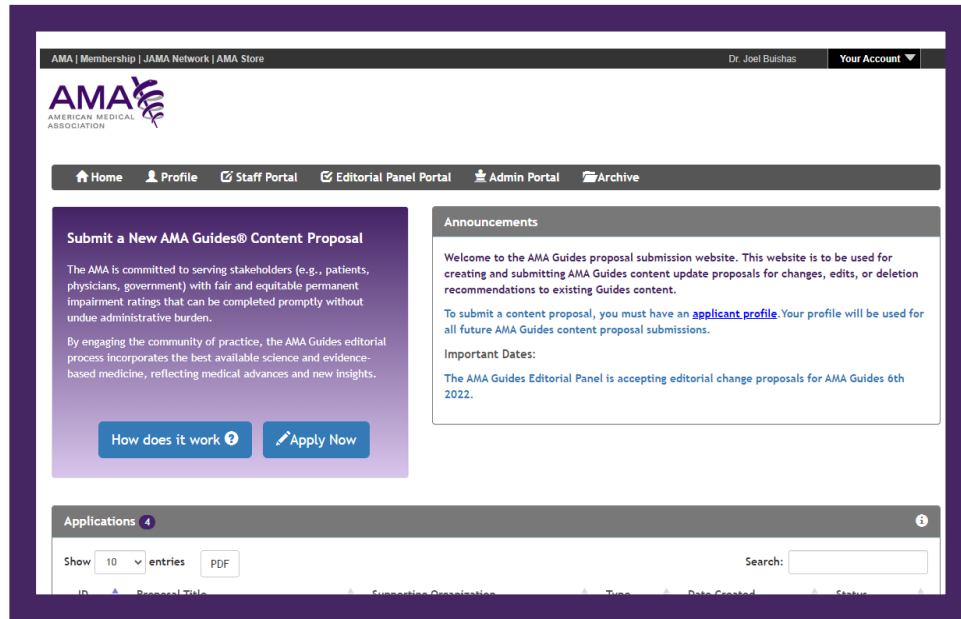
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AMA Guides 2021 Look Ahead



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

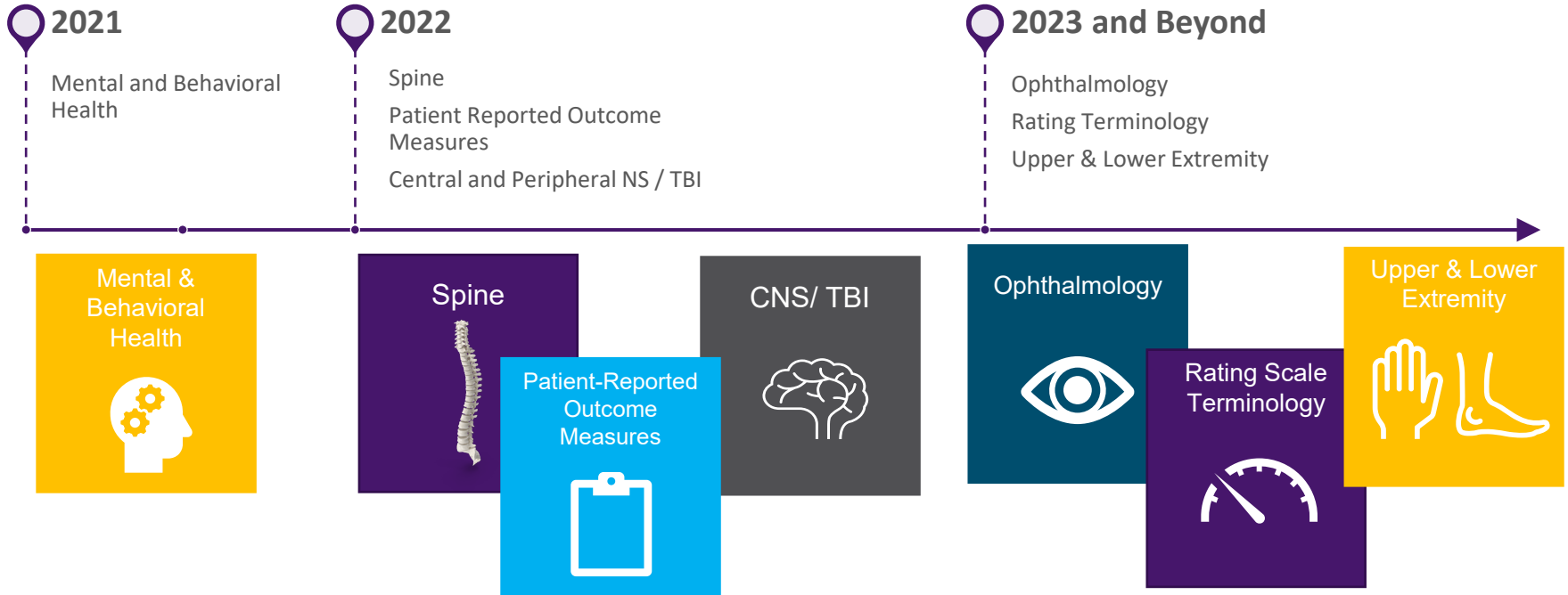
Policy for Expedited Panel Approval of Minor Editorial Updates to the AMA Guides

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



AMA Ed Hub

AMA Guides 6th 2021: Why Mental and Behavioral Health Updates are Important

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- Introduction
- History of the AMA Guides
- What is Changing in AMA Guides Sixth 2021 and Why?**
- What has Changed with DSM-IV to DSM-5 Terminology and ...
- How Have Impairment Ratings Changed?

Lesson 2 - History of the AMA Guides

Lesson 3 of 12

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



Hari Iyer
Member since 2017

Executive Session



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