



AMA Guides® Editorial Panel

**Virtual Panel Meeting
Thursday, March 18th, 2021**

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

Topics: Opening Remarks and Townhall



Attendance

- Attendance will be taken.

Panel Members

Helene Fearon, PT
Steven Feinberg, MD
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
Jan Towers, PhD

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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 - You are here because of your interest and/or experience with the AMA Guides®, but your affiliations could pose a potential conflict of interest. Please mention all of your disclosures if they are relevant to the topic being discussed or the opinions you hold and express.
 - While you were nominated by a society, remember that your Editorial Panel duty is to the AMA Guides®. You are not here to represent the interests of any society, profession, or employer.

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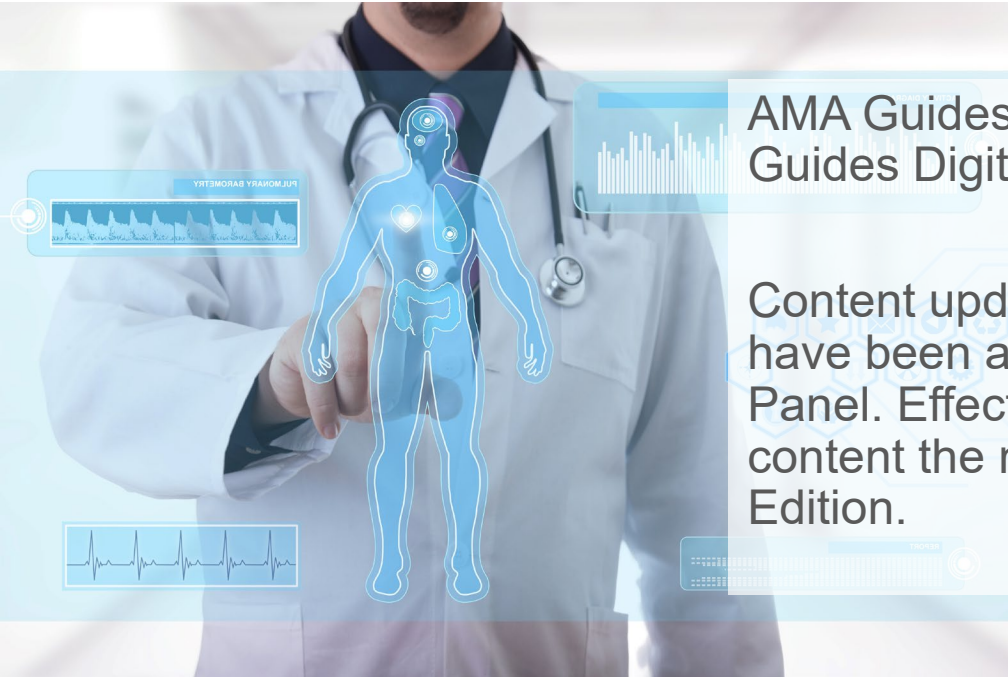
Safe.

- Updated policy in early 2019.
- This is what we expect of our members and guests at AMA-sponsored events.
- We take harassment and conflicts of interest seriously. Read our policy or file a claim at **ama-assn.org/codeofconduct** or call **(800) 398-1496**.

Meeting Mechanics

- Webcams are optional but may be used if Panel Members and Advisors wish to do so
- Panel members and advisors are open-line participants and may speak at any time throughout the duration of the event.
 - Please consider muting your phone to prevent background noise and raising your hand to pose a question or comment.
- All other attendees are open line participants but have been auto-muted to prevent background noise.
- Hand-raises or chat feature encouraged to indicate desire to speak.
Please unmute yourself prior to speaking.

Preparing for AMA Guides Sixth 2021

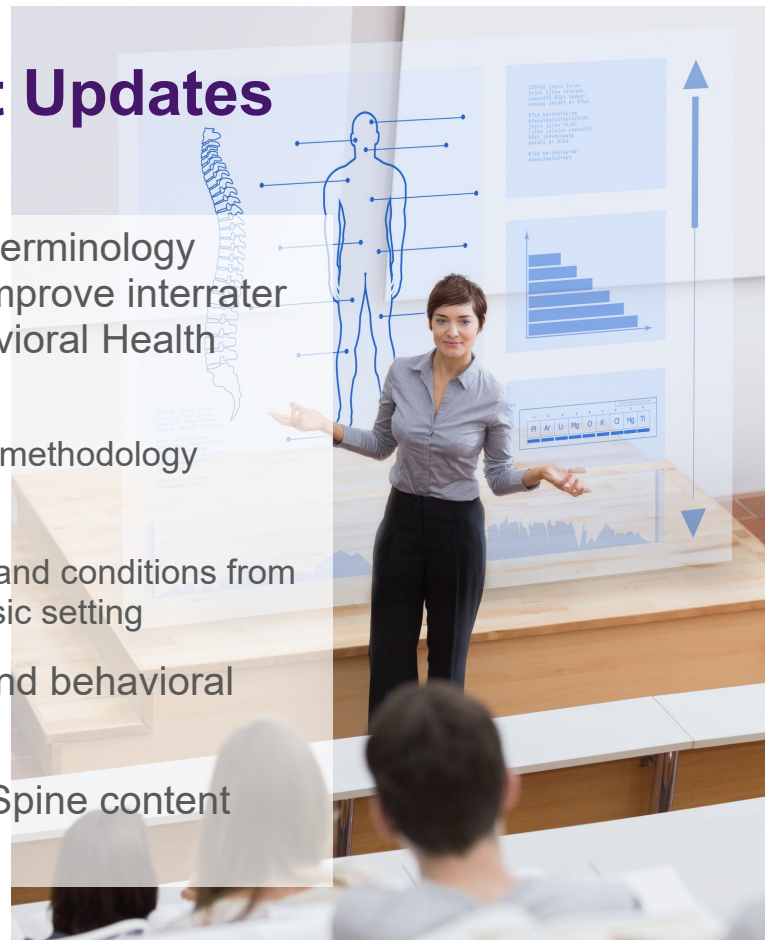


AMA Guides Sixth 2021 will be available on AMA Guides Digital on **April 1, 2021**.

Content updates based on the most current medicine have been adopted by the AMA Guides Editorial Panel. Effective **July 1, 2021**, AMA will consider this content the most current version of AMA Guides Sixth Edition.

AMA Guides Sixth 2021: Content Updates

- Content update provides clarification and updated terminology around mental and behavioral health concepts to improve interrater reliability. Overview of updates to Mental and Behavioral Health Content:
 - Change from DSM IV to DSM 5 terminology and methodology
 - Newer editions of Assessment Tools and Tests
 - Descriptions of Malingering and Motivation
 - Removal of summaries of psychiatric diagnoses and conditions from the Glossary to mitigate discrepancies in a forensic setting
- Removal of GAF results in more accurate mental and behavioral health impairment ratings
- Minor editorial corrections to Lower Extremity and Spine content





Guides® Education

The screenshot shows the AMA Ed Hub website. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the AMA Ed Hub logo and a search icon. Below this is a white navigation bar with the AMA logo, 'Guides Education', a link to 'Sign Up' for quizzes and credits, and a 'Sign In' button. The main content area has a purple background with a grid pattern and medical illustrations. The title 'About AMA Guides Education' is prominently displayed. Below the title, a paragraph describes the AMA Guides as a trusted source for impairment ratings and tools. A text box on the right lists navigation options: 'Browse', 'Your Transcript', and 'Contact Us'.

About AMA Guides Education

AMA Guides® to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment: a trusted source for impairment ratings and tools

For over 50 years, the *AMA Guides*® (the "Guides") have been the trusted source that physicians, patients and regulators rely on for fair and consistent impairment rating guidance and tools. *AMA Guides* incorporate science, evidence-based medicine and assessment tools to provide a rigorous methodology to enable a fair and consistent evaluation. Until 2020, the *AMA Guides* were published once or twice a decade, and only as hardcover reference books, reflecting medicine at the time of publication.

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Commitment to the most current medicine



Physicians want to use the most current medicine



Physicians want clear guidance from states on what is expected



AMA has created a toolkit and other resources to help state regulators and state medical societies provide clear guidance

Resource Toolkit




AMA Guides® to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment

AMA Guides® are changing in 2021


The American Medical Association is committed to providing the most current evidence-based science and medicine to assure medical evaluators can provide fair and equitable ratings for every patient evaluated under the *Evaluation of Permanent Impairment*.

Acceleration of medical and technological advancements are driving the AMA Guides into a dynamically updated, easy to access digital source. It is no longer is it practical to hold relevant content updates until an annual update. Consequently, a new stakeholder-driven, transparent editorial process allows rapid review and timely incorporation of new medical advances. The recently appointed multidisciplinary AMA Guides Editorial Panel will oversee areas where additional guidance is most needed while publishing updates in light of state regulatory considerations.



Guides Digital

In the first quarter of 2021, the AMA intends to deliver AMA Guides Digital to provide annual content updates and to create easy access to material. AMA Guides Digital will provide online access to AMA Guides Sixth and the updated AMA Guides Sixth 2021. States that designate use of the most recent edition of AMA Guides should automatically roll over to AMA Guides Sixth 2021, which will be available online only.





AMA Guides® to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment

AMA Guides® are changing Q & A with Barry Gelinas, MD, DC

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AMA Guides® to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment Frequently Asked Questions

How did the AMA select the editorial panel members?

The panel was selected through a rigorous process and includes a broad solicitation of nominations from more than 200 organizations across the medical community reflecting the communities the AMA Guides serve. The AMA Guides Editorial Panel is comprised of experts from neurology, nursing, occupational medicine, ophthalmology, orthopedics, pain medicine, physical medicine and rehabilitation, physical therapy, preventive medicine and psychiatry.

AMA is committed to equitable treatment of every patient with the best evidence-based science and medicine to assure medical evaluators can provide fair and equitable ratings for every patient evaluated under the *Evaluation of Permanent Impairment* incorporate science, evidence-based tools to provide a rigorous methodology to enable physicians to evaluate patients who have suffered an illness or injury resulting in a permanent impairment. For half a century the AMA Guides have been the accepted authority by more than 40 states and several countries.

Sample Tweet



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Questions and Discussion



Bukky Ajabe & Priscilla Mpasi, MD
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Closing

- Next public meeting: **April 15, 2021 at 10:00am CT**
 - *Interested parties interested in reviewing Proposals for consideration should reach out to AMAGuides@ama-assn.org for more information.*
- Meeting is adjourned.



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