



Proposed Panel Agenda May 2021 AMA Guides® Editorial Panel Meeting

The proposed agenda for the May 20th, 2021 AMA Guides® Editorial Panel meeting shows the application names, description of the proposal, and affiliated organizations submitting the proposal. These details are extracted from the proposals submitted for discussion at this meeting. **Until such time as the AMA Guides Editorial Panel acts on these requests, the information that appears in this Proposed Agenda is provided for informational purposes only, giving interested individuals the information to help determine whether or not to attend the meeting and request a copy of the proposal on a given topic(s).**

Upon review of this agenda, if an individual believes that they would like to review a proposal(s), they should send a request for a copy of the specific application and associated materials to guidesproposals@ama-assn.org. This request for proposal review should contain the identity of the party seeking such and a brief summary of the interest for the request. After the request has been received, the interested party will be provided a 1) confidentiality agreement and 2) disclosure of interest form for signature prior to be provided with the proposal. Requests will be processed within 5 days of initial request.

The deadline for request proposals for AMA Guides is **May 17, 2020**. Comments from the public will be solicited during the April 15th AMA Guides Editorial Panel Meeting. There will be another opportunity for the public to provide open comments before final proposals are implemented into the *AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment*.

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ID	Affiliated Organization(s)	Applicant Name(s)	Proposal Description
100040	American Psychological Association International Academy of Independent Medical Evaluators (IAIME)	Les Kertay, PhD James Underhill, PsyD	This proposal addresses the need to eliminate section 13.3f, including examples 13-11 and 13-12, and table 13-10, in their entirety.
100060	North American Spine Society	Christopher Kauffman, MD Michael Steinmetz, MD Tom Mayer, MD William Sullivan, MD Kano Mayer, MD Amanda Weiler, MPH	To propose updates to the AMA Guides® to reflect the most current, evidence-based medicine related to permanent impairment of the spine. These updates will promote equitable and consistent impairment ratings. Topics addressed include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Clarification between spinal trauma and neurologic injury

			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incorporation of specific Patient Reported Outcome Measures for the spine• Modification of the Table on Grade Modifiers for Physical Examination (currently only neurology-focused – does not take into consideration other pathology)• Considerations for Radiculopathy vs. Radiculitis to calculate impairment. Evaluate what is pain and what is a deficit. Clarification and specificity of definitions.• Assessment of spinal transition zones and the need to explain when it is appropriate and when it is not to use different spinal regions for impairment ratings.• Other updates to improve clarify and consistency
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