



# AMA Guides® Editorial Panel Public Meeting

**Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>  
6:00-7:00 PM CT**

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# Agenda

- PROMIS Update
- Upper and Lower Extremity Discussion on Methods



# Attendance

## Panel Members

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# PROMIS Update



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- Outside of the spine / upper extremity / lower extremity / pain chapters, it would not work to simply add in the PROMIS text.
  - Various chapters say various things about function, or sometimes say nothing at all.
- Consequently, adding the PROMIS text referring to Appendix C would require a little editing in each chapter to connect functional assessment to that chapter's methods.
- Expert authors of each chapter should lead decisions regarding if and how to utilize functional assessment for that organ system.
- Once the musculoskeletal chapters are more finalized, we will determine how to best incorporate the PROMIS into those chapters



# Intro to Upper Limb Methods



# Goals of New Methods

- Reduce complexity of determining impairment values.
- Improve the intra- and inter-rater reliability.
- Provide fair and equitable impairments based on previous editions and current best science.

# Approach

To illustrate the benefits of the new methodology, we used two examples in 15.4c Digital Nerve Impairment (6th paper) and two examples in 15.6 Amputation Impairment (6th paper) with the working 2024 edition.

Please refer to the PDF provided to the panel, which will be shared on-screen.

# Next Steps

- Compile comprehensive diagnosis list.
- Establish grade criteria for each diagnosis.
- Vet diagnosis list and criteria during the August 10 panel working session meeting.

# Public Meeting Closing

- Thank you to today's participants. This now concludes the public meeting.
- Next **Public** meeting will be a hybrid meeting on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Time will be announced soon.
- The meeting is adjourned. **Writing group members, please standby for closed session.**

# Upper and Lower Writing Group Meeting

