

Policy Statement for Delineation of IME vs. Follow-up Care

The Board considers it generally inappropriate for a physician to perform an Independent Medical Evaluation (IME)/Independent Insurance Evaluation and to offer or serve as subsequent treating provider for a patient. If a physician who performs an IME is to serve as a treating provider then a sufficient span of time must elapse such that no reasonable individual could conclude a contingent relationship between the IME determination and the decision to pursue subsequent care with the IME physician or the IME physician's practice group.