

Course Title:

Advanced Medicolegal Documentation for the Chiropractor: Subluxations

Hours: 2

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Course Description:

This curriculum will cover subjective findings which correlate with objective documentation from the Doctor's offices and diagnostic procedures. I will show the physician how to utilize the AMA guidelines for evaluation of ligament laxity. I will demonstrate how to utilize AMA guides for concrete clarity of injury permanency, DRE differentiators, and subtle differences of the 4th, 5th and 6th editions. I will show the significance of ligament laxity in coding (M24.28), objective documentation, AMA guides and permanency/impairment in the injury arena.

Objectives:

Hour 1

1. Demonstrate how to Locate, Define and Quantify subluxations (50 mins)

Hour 2

2. Correlate subjectivity vs. objectivity from the consult, diagnostics and symptomatology (50 mins)

Outline:

I will demonstrate how to utilize the:

1. **4th, 5th and 6th editions AMA guides differences in Alteration of Motion Segment Integrity (see attached pages)**
2. **X-ray stress films evaluation (Davis series linear films)**
3. **Lines of Mensuration to enhance evaluation (related to George's line)**
4. **Diagnosing of ligament laxity in our everyday chiropractic patients (see Yochum/Rowe attached)**
5. **Courtroom mannerism, techniques regarding impairment ratings, lines of mensuration, etc.**
6. **IME doctor which allows me to discuss the detailing that is required in diagnosing and documentation of our patients. (I see all types of DC documentation!)**
7. **Defining subluxation to the highest level**

I will reference the literature below for the Attorneys so they can utilize in their office, court etc.:

1. AMA Guides (4th, 5th and 6th editions)
2. Yochum/Rowe radiology
3. White and Panjabi
4. List of research articles I use in courtroom presentations
5. Published article (Subjective vs. Objective Findings) (June 15, 2013 – Dynamic Chiropractic)