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  April 24-25, 2021
+ Charlotte, NC
  August 12-15, 2021
+ Las Vegas, NV
  October 2021 (TBD)

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Setting the Standard for Independent Medical Examiners

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and ACDM/ABIME. Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.
AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, 6th Edition

With Review of Principles of Disability Assessment

8 hours of AMA Category 1 CME credit in Impairment & Disability Evaluation

COURSE LOCATIONS & DATES  (Course Code: AMA6)

• AMA6 Virtual Online Class - April 24, 2021 • Charlotte, NC - August 14, 2021
• Las Vegas, NV - October 2021

Course Director & Program Chair: Mohammed I. Ranavaya, MD, JD, MS, FRCPI, FFOM, MCIME
Author and Associate Editor AMA Guides 6th Ed

INTENDED AUDIENCE: This course is specifically designed to educate and prepare Physicians/Surgeons of all specialties and Chiropractic Doctors in the use of the AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment 6th Ed. and meets the educational prerequisite to qualify for the CIME/CICE examination through ABIME. It is recommended that doctors seeking review for the Certification Exam attend both the AMA Guides Training and the Advance AMA Guides Complex Case Studies Course. Others who would benefit from this training program include attorneys, adjudicators, physicans’ assistants, nurse practitioners, physical therapists, disability evaluators, adjusters, claims examiners/managers.

PRACTICAL OBJECTIVES
Learn how to:
• Apply the comprehensive knowledge of key concepts, philosophy and underlying principles of the AMA Guides to perform quality impairment evaluations.
• Comprehensively evaluate personal injuries claims according to the AMA Guides.
• Evaluate complex cases according to the AMA Guides & perform excellent IMEs.

Educational Tuition: - US $695  ($50 discount for current year ABIME Board of Registry Members)

PROGRAM SCHEDULE
AMA Guides 6th Edition Training Agenda - Course Code: AMA6
7:30 a.m. Registration and Coffee
8:00 a.m. Welcome, Introduction and review of course objectives
8:05 a.m. Key Concepts in AMA Guides Chapters 1 and 2. Review the Methodology, appropriate use and practical application of the AMA Guides, 6th Edition
9:45 a.m. Refreshment Break
10:00 a.m. Spine Impairment Rating, Chapter 17, Methodology of Assessment and Impairment Rating with Case Presentations
11:15 p.m. The Upper Limb - Chapter 15 Methodology
12:00 p.m. Lunch and Learn with faculty—Post Session Evaluation-- Brief quiz
1:00 p.m. The Upper Limb & Lower Limb Impairment Rating, Chapter 15-16
2:45 p.m. Coffee & Refreshment Break
3:00 p.m. The Nervous System Impairment Rating using AMA Guides Methodology
3:45 p.m. Beyond Musculoskeletal System – Chapter 4-12
5:00 p.m. Adjourn

AMA Guides Advanced Case Studies Workshops
AMA Guides 6th & 5th Ed - Course Code: AMA6Cs/AMA5Cs
4 to 8 hour Workshops - See Designated Locations -

AMA6 Based Complex Case Studies Workshop  ~ Course Code: AMA6Cs

This 8 hour 20 Complex Case Studies Workshop based on AMA6 methodology on Sunday, is designed to learn the practical use of the AMA Guides with audience participation using cases from all important chapters of AMA6 including musculoskeletal system, neurology, psychiatry and internal medicine.

COURSE LOCATIONS & DATES:
• Virtual Online Class - April 24, 2021 • Charlotte, NC - August 15, 2021
• Las Vegas, NV - October 2021

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A Doctor’s Guide to Practical Use of the AMA Guides 5th Edition - An Overview
Facilitators: Mohammed I. Ranavaya, MD, JD, MS, FRCP, FFOM, MCIME & Robert B. Walker MD, CIME
8 hours ofAMA Category 1 CME ~ Educational Tuition - US $695 ~ Course # AMAS ($50 discount for current BOR members)

COURSE LOCATIONS & DATES:
• Virtual Online Training - April 17, 2021 • Charlotte, NC - August 13, 2021 • Las Vegas, NV - October 2021

Workshop on Building A Successful Practice for Independent Medical Examiner/Expert Witness
Facilitator: Mohammed I. Ranavaya, MD, JD, MS, FRCP, FFOM, CIME
8 hours ofAMA Category 1 CME ~ Educational Tuition - US $695 ~ Course # IEW ($50 discount for current BOR members)

COURSE LOCATIONS & DATES:
• Virtual Online Training - April 10, 2021 • Charlotte, NC - Aug 12, 2021

Medicolegal Skills for Independent Medical Examiners and Expert Witness: A Workshop
Facilitator: Mohammed I. Ranavaya, MD, JD, MS, FRCP, FFOM, MCIME
4 hours ofAMA Category 1 CME ~ Educational Tuition - US $350 ~ Course # MLG

COURSE LOCATIONS & DATES:
• Las Vegas, NV - October 2021

Return to Work and Fitness for Duty Decisions - How to Use a Function Based Approach Workshop
Facilitator: Anthony J. Dorto, DC, MD & Mohammed I. Ranavaya, MD, JD, MS, FRCP, FFOM, MCIME
4 hours ofAMA Category 1 CME ~ Educational Tuition - US $350 ~ Course # RTW

COURSE LOCATIONS & DATES:
• Las Vegas, NV - October 2021

AMA Guides 6th & 5th Edition Case Studies Workshop
Facilitator: Mohammed I. Ranavaya, MD, JD, MS, FRCP, FFOM, MCIME
4 or 8 hours ofAMA Category 1 CME ~ Educational Tuition- 4hr - US $350 for 4hr - US $695 ~ Course#- AMA6Cs/AMASc

COURSE LOCATIONS & DATES: 4 hours - AMA6Cs: • Virtual Online Training - April 25, 2021 • Charlotte, NC - August 15, 2021
8 hours- AMA6Cs: • Las Vegas, NV - October 2021

Medicolegal Causation, What Does the Science Say?
Facilitator: Gerald S. Steiman, MD & Mohammed I. Ranavaya, MD, JD, MS, FRCP, FFOM, MCIME
4 hours ofAMA Category 1 CME ~ Educational Tuition - US $350 ~ Course # CAS

COURSE LOCATIONS & DATES: • To Be Determined

Traumatic Brain Injuries & Concussions Claims - How to Evaluate Them - Workshop
Facilitator: Gerald S. Steiman, MD - Neurologist
4 hours ofAMA Category 1 CME ~ Educational Tuition - US $350 ~ Course # TBI

COURSE LOCATIONS & DATES: • To Be Determined

Symptom Magnification, Claims Exaggeration & Malingering
How to Sort Them Out In Personal Injuries & Workers’ Compensation Claims - Workshop
Facilitator: Anthony J. Dorto, DC, MD - Board Certified in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
4 hours ofAMA Category 1 CME ~ Educational Tuition - US $350 ~ Course # MAL

COURSE LOCATIONS & DATES: • Virtual Online Training - April 11, 2021 • Las Vegas, NV - October 2021

General Information

Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credit
Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine designates this entire educational activity for a maximum of 39 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s) ™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Segment registration and attendance verification are required.

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Eligibility for ABIME Certification Examination
The ABIME Certification Examination follows the ABIME Certification Review Course at each site. A separate exam application must be submitted along with the required documents. The items listed on the exam application are required in order to complete your file and receive exam results. Please submit the proper documentation as soon as possible. Contact the ABIME office or download the exam application from the ABIME website: www.abime.org. The exam fee is $995. Please note that the Exam Fee is non-refundable once it is paid and can only be transferred to another exam location within the same calendar year. See the ABIME Course Registration form for Exam dates, times & locations.

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Examination for Proficiency in the AMA Guides for Non-Physicians follows the ABIME Certification Review Course from 1:00pm-3:00pm. A separate exam application must be submitted along with the required documents. Please submit the proper documentation as soon as possible. Contact the ABIME office or download the exam application from the ABIME website. The exam fee is $350. Please note that only Non-Physicians are eligible for the exam and the Exam Fee is non-refundable once it is paid. See the ABIME Course Registration form for Exam dates, times & locations.
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Venue and Hotel Information
Special room rates have been negotiated for ABIME at locations where venue is in a hotel. Please contact the hotel directly at least 1 month in advance to get the special rates. Please book early as number of rooms at these rates are limited.

Charlotte, NC:
August 12-15, 2021
Double Tree by Hilton Charlotte Airport
2600 Yorkmont Road
Charlotte, NC 28214
Phone: 1-800-222-8733
Group Code: ABIME - Room Rate: $92.00

Las Vegas, NV:
October 2021
Hilton Garden Inn Las Vegas Strip South
7830 S. Las Vegas Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89123
Phone: (702) 942-8404
Group Code: ABIME - Room Rate: $153.00

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Entitlement to use MACIME as professional qualification is available to Medical Practitioners (Licensed/Registered Medical practitioners in any jurisdiction—Both physicians and surgeons) who meet the following requirement:

- 23 hrs of ACIME or ABIME sponsored/approved training over the past 3 years in the field of Disability Medicine and/or Impairment and Disability evaluation including at least 8 hrs of study in the use of *AMA Guides to Evaluation of Permanent Impairment*.
- Licensed/Registered to Practice Medicine/Surgery in any jurisdiction with no restrictions/adverse action in the past 3 years.

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Available to Chiropractic Doctors, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants and Other Relevant Health Care Providers who hold a doctorate level degree of PhD, DPsych, ScD, EdD or any other relevant doctorate with a minimum of 3 years of experience working in a field related to Impairment and Disability Assessment or serving as expert witness. **AND** At least 23 hrs of ACIME or ABIME sponsored/approved training over the past 3 years in the field of Disability Medicine and/or Impairment and Disability Evaluation including at least 8 hrs of study in the use of *AMA Guides to Evaluation of Permanent Impairment*.

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- 100 hours of CME/CPD Credits from any accredited training program related to your field/specialty in the past 5 yrs plus 50 hrs of IME related ABIME sponsored training
- Current ABIME Master CIME diplomats are exempt from the above requirement
- Currently Licensed/Registered to Practice Medicine/Surgery in any jurisdiction with no restrictions/adverse action in the past 5 years
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1) Current Status as an ABIME CIME Certified Diplomat and Board of Registry Member in good standing.

2) Successful completion and passing of more than one version (AMA4 or AMA5 or AMA6 or Case Based AMA6 Practical Exam) of the AMA Guides Exam, at least two in the past one year. Applicants must have passed the exams on the first attempt. Any candidate failing their exam will not be eligible for the following two years.

3) 50 hours of IME related ABIME sponsored Training Credit within the last 5 years. These are Training Programs that directly receive hour for hour credit from ABIME for primary credentialing and recertification.

4) 100 hours of CME/CPD credit from any accredited training program related to your field/specialty in the past five years. This is in addition to the 50 hours of ABIME sponsored CME as outlined above in Item #2.

5) You must be a specialist in your field, recognized by an appropriate specialty authority in your jurisdiction and currently in good standing with that authority.

6) Currently licensed/registered to practice medicine and/or surgery with no significant adverse action against the professional practice registration or license by the authority in the last 10 years in your jurisdiction.

7) Complete a Master CIME application with one time MCIME Diploma fee of US $200.

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