



**American Board of Independent Medical Examiners and
American College of Independent Medical Examiners Presents
Virtual Online Classroom ~ January 16-17, 2021
Announcing 4 MedicoLegal Skills Workshops Over 2 Days**



Workshop 1: Saturday, January 16, 2021

8am-12noon – US Eastern Standard Time (UEST)

**How to Write Persuasive MedicoLegal Reports:
A Workshop**

In this 4-hour workshop **Dr. Mohammed Ranavaya** focuses on the skills necessary to write persuasive reports in the MedicoLegal arena. Learn the necessary skills from an expert who has written thousands of persuasive IME reports, as well as how to communicate and present information accurately and convincingly that the readers need.

Course Objectives: Participants at the end of session should be able to:

- ✓ Establishes your credibility and professionalism to the reader
- ✓ Structures material so readers can find information quickly & easily
- ✓ States key points clearly and without ambiguity so that readers can understand your meaning
- ✓ Use language and sentence structure that lay readers can follow.
- ✓ Discuss the minimum contents of a good expert IME report

Workshop 2: Saturday, January 16, 2021, 12:30pm-4:30pm UEST

**MedicoLegal Issues for Independent Medical Examiners
And Expert Witness: A Workshop**

In this 4-hour workshop **Dr. Mohammed Ranavaya** teaches physicians who perform Independent Medical Examinations and serve as expert witnesses the skills critical to effectively deal with lawyers and the legal system. Physicians of all specialties and others who would benefit from this workshop include physicians' assistants and nurse case managers. *It is recommended that doctors seeking ABIME exam certification review attend both the MedicoLegal Workshop and the AMA Guides Training.*

Course Objectives: By attending this session, participants should be able to:

- ✓ Learn the critical steps involved in providing medical expert witness and independent medical examination services.
- ✓ Understand the liabilities and risks for independent medical examiners and how to manage those risks.
- ✓ Learn essential skills for deposition and other testimony in court.
- ✓ Improve the knowledge of MedicoLegal issues for independent medical examiners.
- ✓ Deal with questions on direct and cross examination during deposition & trial testimony

Workshop 3: Sunday, January 17, 2021

8am-12noon UEST

**Causation In MedicoLegal Claims,
What does the Science Say? A Workshop**

This workshop is specifically designed to learn scientific analysis of disease and injury causation in the context of MedicoLegal cases confronting IME doctors & Expert Witnesses. This Scientific Causation Analysis Workshop, is specifically designed for Physicians & Surgeons of all specialties and Chiropractic Doctors and others.

Course Objectives: Participants at the end of session should be able to:

- ✓ Define standards for causality used in medical legal contexts.
- ✓ Interpret evidence and literature for causality analysis.
- ✓ Apply steps for the medical legal causality analysis to cumulative trauma and other controversial cases.
- ✓ Discuss the difficulties in interpreting common degenerative findings as causally based using spinal injuries as case examples.

Workshop 4: Sunday, January 17, 2021, 12:30pm-4:30pm UEST

Return to Work & Strategies That Work – A Workshop

The 4 hour Return to Work workshop is specifically designed to learn Fitness for Duty Decisions & How to Use a Function Based Approach to Return to Work including Case Studies. Navigating the Return to Work and Fitness for Duty process can be frustrating for the medical provider and end-user. The frustration is fueled by the lack of standardization for the understanding of concepts and terminology necessary for a return to work and fitness for duty determinations and due to the lack of standardization of information requested on forms from employers or third party administrators.

Course Objectives: Participants at the end of session should be able to:

- ✓ Define terms and concepts commonly used in Return to Work, Fitness for Duty, and disability determinations.
- ✓ Correlate biomechanical & medical consideration to functional elements of work.
- ✓ Discuss clinical tools used to evaluation physical functional capacity
- ✓ Provide strategies for completion of Return to Work, Fitness for Duty, and disability forms.

Invitation to Attend MedicoLegal Skills Workshops from Professor Mohammed Ranavaya, MD, JD

Due to COVID 19 travel restrictions all over the world, these high quality MedicoLegal Workshops will be provided as live lectures by video linked virtual seminar i.e. webinar with Zoom technology. The process is very simple and easy to work with. You will be connected to live class room with a simple click on your computer or other online device.

Following are some of the features of such training for you to consider:

1. Eight-hour long training sessions on Saturday & Sunday, very similar to the seminars previously delivered in person.
2. The training will begin at **8 AM USA Eastern Standard** time (UEST) each day on Saturday/Sunday & conclude at **4:30 PM**.
3. The tuition fees and other credits will remain the same. Only registered individuals would be permitted to attend.
4. I will be conducting this seminar live from our telehealth communication center on our professional Zoom webinar platform.
5. Each attendee will receive the same CME certificate of training from the American Board as the attendees of in person program receive. In other words, there will be no difference in this virtual training from live in person training.
6. Attendees will need an Internet connected computer or other device that can run Google Chrome browser or Microsoft Edge.
7. This will be a live webinar by Zoom webinar technology and there will be no permission to record it.
8. The attendee would need to have a Webcam and microphone attached to their device. Each attendee would be monitored throughout the session to ensure the attendance and presence during the lecture for conference with CME rules. This would mimic a live training as nearly as possible.
9. Our IT team would provide easy to follow instruction and would also conduct a practice session with you 1 week before the workshop to sort out any problems and trouble shoot any issues to avoid last minute hassles.
10. Attendee would be able to communicate directly with me & interact with other attendees during the seminar using Webcam & audio.

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR REGULAR UPDATES ON DATES AND TIMES FOR ALL PROGRAM EVENTS AND VENUES.

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Please Check the Box of the Course that you wish to attend:

Online Virtual Classroom – January 16-17, 2021

- Sat, January 16 RPT 6 Report Writing (8am-12:00pm) US Eastern Standard Time
- Sat, January 16 MLG6 MedicoLegal Workshop (12:30pm-4:30pm)
- Sun, January 17 CAS – Causation In MedicoLegal Claims (8am-12:00pm)
- Sun, January 17 RTW – Return to Work & Strategies That Work (12:30pm-4:30pm)

Tuition FEES:

US \$350.00
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ALL Dates & Times are

United States Eastern Standard Time (USEST)

South African Attendees:

Please note that 8 am USEST equals 2 pm RSA Local time. The training time for RSA would be from 2pm to 11pm local time in South Africa.

About the Faculty:

Mohammed I. Ranavaya, MD, JD, MS, FRCPI, FFOM, FACLM, MCIME, is a professor of occupational medicine at Marshall University School of Medicine. As a practicing consultant physician, he has advised and trained personnel from the US Department of Labor, state & international government agencies, multinational insurance companies businesses on injury management, rehabilitation and return to work issues.

Dr. Ranavaya is a sought-after author and editor, having written several textbook chapters and articles on physical medicine, rehabilitation, chronic pain management, disability medicine & guidelines on independent medical evaluations/expert witness.

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Who Should Attend? Medical Doctors/Surgeons of all specialties, Chiropractors, Psychiatrists/Psychologists, Lawyers, Nurses, Occupational & Physical Therapists



These continuing education courses are specifically designed to educate and prepare physicians for the Medicolegal and Forensic Examination Practice.

Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine designates this entire educational activity over 2 days for a maximum of 16 AMA

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(Registration and evaluation are required.) **16 CPD points Credit also available for South African attendees.**

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