

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION
MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

July 10, 2015
9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

MAC Committee Members Present:

Lon Holston (Worker Representative); Brad Lorber, MD; Dr. Franklin Wong, MD (MCO Representative); Susan Strom, DC; John Soffer, RN, NP; Constantine Gean, MD (Insurer Representative)

DCBS Staff Present:

Juerg Kunz, Cara Filsinger, Jennifer Reed, Ryan Delatorre; Cathy Ostrand-Ponsioen

MAC Committee Members Absent: Ronald Bowman, MD (Chair); Gary Rischitelli, MD; Tom Williams, PT; Joey Blubaugh (Employer Representative); Timothy Keenen, MD (Vice-Chair)

Agenda Item	Discussion
Welcome, Introductions (0:00:00)*	Dr. Wong called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
Administrative discussion (00:00:35)*	Review and approve minutes for Friday May 8, 2015, meeting- MAC The committee approved the May8, 2015 meeting minutes as drafted. There will be no meeting in September, November 13, 2015 is the next meeting.
Ryan Delatorre (00:01:27)*	Court Case Updates – Ryan Delatorre Ryan reviewed the follow-up report on Brown v SAIF and the impact on medical providers. The court stated that the “compensable injury” does not equate to the “accepted conditions”. Instead, the “compensable injury” refers to the injurious effects of the work injury. Changes were made to claim closure and permanent disability rating standards, as well as standards relating to the Employer-at-Injury, Preferred Worker, and Vocational Assistance Programs. For each rule that was changed, the statute stated a standard or inquiry related to the “compensable injury” while the rules stated a standard or inquiry related to the “accepted conditions.” In an initial injury claim, permanent disability resulting from the “compensable injury” includes any permanent disability resulting from: an accepted condition, a direct medical sequel of an accepted condition or a condition directly resulting from the work injury. The impact on the provider includes the initial diagnosis and analysis (before an initial injury claim is accepted) and the diagnosis and analysis after an initial injury claim is accepted.
Technology Reviews (00:38:25)*	Technology Reviews – Juerg Kunz No changes on the technology review timeless. The subcommittees continued to review spinal cord stimulator and prolotherapy/platelet rich plasma injections. The subcommittee on prolotherapy/PRP injections recommends that PRP injections should not be considered prolotherapy, but PRP injections should continue to be considered unproven and experimental. The MAC will discuss the subcommittee’s findings at the November meeting.

Closing
(00:39:28)

The meeting adjourned at for subcommittees.

The next MAC meeting will be held on November 13, 2015. No meeting will be held in September 2015. Subcommittees may wish to meet during that time.

*The audio files for the meeting minutes and public testimony (both written and audio) can be found here:
http://www.cbs.state.or.us/wcd/rdrs/mac/mac_mtgmnts.html