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## BULLETIN NO. 308 (Revised) Sept. 21, 2015

**TO:** Medical providers, insurers, self-insured employers,

and other interested parties

**SUBJECT:** Invasive medical procedures during an independent medical examination (IME)

**EFFECTIVE:** Oct. 1, 2015

This bulletin provides Form 3227, "Invasive Medical Procedure Authorization." Form 3227 is to be given to an injured worker whenever a medical provider decides to perform invasive procedures as part of an IME. The Workers' Compensation Division revised Form 3227 to clarify the definition for invasive procedures under Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 436-010, effective Oct. 1, 2015. This bulletin replaces Bulletin 308 issued Dec. 5, 2005.

When scheduling an IME, the insurer must ensure the medical service provider has Form 3227, if applicable.

The IME provider may ask the worker to undergo an invasive procedure. If so, the IME provider must give the worker Form 3227 to complete and sign. OAR 436-010-0265(6) [citation change effective 4/1/19: OAR 436-010-0265(7)] states in part, "If an IME provider intends to perform an invasive procedure, the provider must explain to the worker the risks involved in the procedure and the worker's right to refuse the procedure."

You can download the Microsoft Word form from the Workers' Compensation Division's website: <a href="https://www.wcd.oregon.gov/policy/bulletins/formsbyno.html">www.wcd.oregon.gov/policy/bulletins/formsbyno.html</a>.

If you have any questions about this bulletin, contact the Workers' Compensation Division's Medical Resolution Team at 503-947-7606.

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Attachments: Form 3227 (Rev. 10/15)

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