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To: Oregon workers' compensation insurers, self-insured employers, third-party administrators, attorneys, managed care organizations, claims examiners, and medical providers

Subject: Review of cervical disc arthroplasty (artificial disc replacement surgery) by the Medical Advisory Committee

The Medical Advisory Committee, Workers' Compensation Division, is reviewing the surgical procedure cervical disc arthroplasty, using scientific studies and other information. The goal of the committee is to determine whether the surgical procedure is unscientific, experimental, unproven, or outmoded. Oregon Revised Statute 656.245(3), Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 436-010-0300, and committee-developed criteria will guide the committee in its consideration. If the committee determines that the surgical procedures are not unscientific, experimental, outmoded, or unproven, the committee may establish parameters of appropriateness for the procedure's use.

Attached is a spreadsheet of the information that the committee already has. If you would like to submit additional information to the committee, you must submit it by **Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008.**

Send the information to:

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The Medical Advisory Committee's Web page can be found at www.wcd.oregon.gov. Click "Medical Advisory" on the right-hand menu.

OAR 436-010-0300 and other Workers' Compensation Division rules can be found at www.wcd.oregon.gov. Click "Laws & rules" on the left-hand menu.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Juerg Kunz at (503) 947-7741 or send e-mail to juerg.kunz@state.or.us.