



**YUKON WORKERS'
COMPENSATION
HEALTH AND
SAFETY BOARD**

SUBJECT: ^{Role} of the Medical Consultant POLICY NO.: GC - 07
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POLICY STATEMENT

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POLICY:

ROLE OF THE MEDICAL CONSULTANT

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Medical Consultant position is established internally within the Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board. However, the Medical Consultant is independent of any branch of the board and reports directly to the President. An alternate Medical Consultant fills in when required.

POLICY

A. ROLE

The role of the Medical Consultant is:

- (a) to provide opinion to Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board Staff, the Internal Review Committee, the Appeal Panel and the Board on compensation board medical issues;
- (b) to review and interpret medical reports as required;
- (c) to participate in the case management process;
- (d) to examine disabled workers;
- (e) to comment on recommended medical treatment options for disabled workers;
- (f) to assess and provide ratings for workers' work-related permanent impairments;

- (g) to provide education and training to Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board staff in the area of medicine;
- (h) to provide prevention education to employers and workers in the area of medicine;
- (i) to liaise on behalf of the Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board with the medical community both within and outside of the Yukon;
- (j) to serve as a resource in policy development that is medical in nature;
- (k) to research medical issues which are of relevance to the Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board;
- (l) to assist in legislated medical surveillance programs; and
- (m) to assist Occupational Health and Safety Branch in the investigation of workplace accidents.

B. ALTERNATE MEDICAL CONSULTANT

An alternate Medical Consultant shall act on behalf of the board when the board's Medical Consultant is the claimant's attending physician.

C. HIRING OF THE MEDICAL CONSULTANT

The Medical Consultant shall be hired by the President.

REFERENCES

Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board:

Permanent Impairment Policy Statement

Required & Independent Medical Exams and Other Evaluations Policy Statement