

FME

First Medical Experts

— Connecting the Legal, Insurance and Disability/Retirement Communities with Medical Specialists —

Doctor Presentation Topics

Ernest H. Agatstein, M.D., FACS, QME, Board Certified in Urology

1. *“Diagnosis and Management of Erectile Dysfunction in the Injured Worker”*
2. *“Neurogenic Bladder, Urine Incontinence and the Injured Worker”*
3. *“Diagnosis and Management of Prostate Cancer - When Does This Impact the Injured Worker in California?”*

Jeffrey F. Caren, M.D., FACC, QME, Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Diseases

1. *“The Presumption of Causation — Labor Code 3212”*
2. *“Cardiovascular Impairment: Hypertension and Coronary Heart Disease”*
3. *“Almaraz/Guzman: Internal Medicine Injuries”*
4. *“Using the AMA Guides in Hypertension”*
5. *“Apportionment of Hypertension and Cardiovascular Heart Disease”*

Elsie Cheng, Ph.D., QME, Licensed Forensic Neuropsychologist

1. *“Neuropsychological Applications in Testing, Evaluations, and Diagnosing Brain Injuries”*
2. *“Neurocognitive Deficits: How to Distinguish Embellished or Exaggerated Claims from Bona Fide Impairments”*

Noam Z. Drazin, M.D., Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Oncology

1. *“A Discussion of Cancer and Presumptions”*

Lawrence A. Feiwell, M.D., Board Certified in Orthopedic Surgery

1. *“Almaraz/Guzman: An Orthopedic Perspective”*
2. *“Orthopedic Evaluations using the AMA Guides and Apportionment to other Factors”*

Ezekiel Fink, M.D., QME, Board Certified Neurologist with Certificate of Added Qualifications in Pain Management and Brain Injury Medicine

1. *“Traumatic Brain Injury: The Long and Short of It . . .”*
2. *“Don’t Hate Yourself in the Morning: Navigating Sleep Impairment”*
3. *“A Critical Review of Chapter 13: Neurology in the AMA Guides”*
4. *“Table 18-1: Much Ado about Something?”*

How to handle pain syndromes without identifiable organ dysfunction to explain the symptoms.

Stuart Fischer, M.D., FACP, FACC, QME, Board Certified in Internal Medicine with Certificates of Added Qualification in Cardiovascular Diseases and Interventional Cardiology

1. *“Compound Drugs UR & IMR”*
2. *“Risk Factors in Coronary Artery Disease — Is the MI Industrial or Non-Industrial?”*
3. *“Cardiologist: The Evolution and Definition of an Interventionalist”*

Mark Ganjianpour, M.D., QME, Board Certified in Orthopedic Surgery

1. *“Common Industrial Shoulder Injuries: Diagnosis and Treatment”*

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Edward Green, M.D., FAAOS, QME, Board Certified in Orthopedic Surgery

1. *“Complete Orthopedic Examination of the Spine”*
2. *“Spinal Surgery Considerations”*
3. *“Waddell’s Signs”*
4. *“Knee Injuries in the Workplace”*

Seymour Levine, M.D., QME, Board Certified in Rheumatology and Internal Medicine

1. *“Rating Chronic Pain Syndrome using the AMA Guides”*
2. *“Autoimmune Diseases & Industrial Injuries: What is the real connection?”*

Arthur E. Lipper, M.D., QME, Board Certified in Internal Medicine

1. *“Where the Law Collides Into the Medicine”*
Understanding the Intersection of Medicine and Law: A Review of Recent Board Decisions
1. *“The 10 Most Common Myths in Internal Medicine Work Comp Ratings”*
2. *“Considerations Regarding Diabetes and Disability Retirement”*
3. *“Almaraz/Guzman II and Internal Medicine”*
4. *“Mr. Synthetic (or What’s Wrong with this Picture?)”*
6. *“Risk vs. Cause, and How it Relates to SB 1115”*
The difference between RISK factors (which may or may not be used in establishing causation) and CAUSAL factors (which are used).
7. *“Your Client’s Heart and Lungs, Proving Cardiopulmonary Issues, Causation, Rating & Consequences”*
This lecture discusses such issues as risk vs. causation, tools used to make the diagnosis, etc.

Steven W. Meier, M.D., QME, Board Certified in Orthopedic Surgery

1. *“Reducing Costs in Workers’ Compensation by Facilitating the Delivery of Superior Medical Care”*
2. *“Sports Medicine and WC: Applying the Principles of Treating Injured Athletes to Industrial Medicine”*

Marc J. Meth, M.D., QME, Board Certified in Allergy and Immunology

1. *“Asthma and Reactive Airways Disease in the Workplace: Applications to the AMA Guides”*

Robert F. Meth, M.D., QME, Board Certified in Pulmonary, Allergy and Immunology

1. *“AMA Guides and Internal Medicine”*
2. *“Reactive Airways Disease”*
3. *“AMA Guides for Respiratory and Allergic Diseases”*
A description of lung diseases and allergic diseases in the workplace and a discussion of the related guidelines.

Marta A. Recasens, M.D., QME, Board Certified in Ophthalmology

1. *“Work-Related Eye Injuries and Systemic Conditions that Affect the Eyes”*
2. *“How the Eye Works & How we can Preserve Our Vision”*

Jack Rothberg, M.D., Ph.D., QME, Board Certified Psychiatrist

1. *“The DSM-V and the AMA Guides”*
2. *“Understanding the Multi-Axial of the DSM-IV”*

Robert O. Ruder, M.D., FACS, QME, Board Certified in Head and Neck Surgery and Otolaryngology

1. *“Overlooked Impairments in Ear, Nose & Throat”*

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Kenneth R. Sabbag, M.D., QME, Board Certified in Orthopedic Surgery and Hand Surgery

1. ***“Minimizing Your Exposure in Carpal Tunnel and Other Cumulative Trauma Claims: Assessing Risk Factors in Determining Causation”*** Carpal tunnel and other cumulative trauma disorders cost employers millions of dollars every year in lost workdays. How do you know if the employee’s carpal tunnel syndrome is a workplace injury? What factors contribute to these high costs and what can you do to control these claims? Dr. Sabbag will provide an update on the diagnosis and treatment of cumulative trauma disorders. Learn how doctors can determine if these injuries are work-related and whether there is a medical causal connection to a pre-existing injury or condition. You will also learn about risk factors and what you can do to help prevent these injuries.
2. ***“Assessing Risk Factors in Causation and Apportionment”***
3. ***“Cumulative Trauma Disorders of the Upper Extremities — A Hand Surgeon’s Point of View”***
4. ***“A Technical Understanding of the AMA Guides”***
5. ***“Upper Extremity Injuries after Motor Vehicle Accidents”***
6. ***“Fracture Management and their Sequella”***

Martin E. Schlusberg, M.D., Esq., Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Pulmonary and Critical Care

1. ***“Covid Presentation — Latest Research on the Pandemic”***

Andrew O. Schreiber, M.D., QME, Board Certified Neurologist

1. ***“Carpal Tunnel Syndrome”***
2. ***“The Ins and Outs of Electrodiagnostic Studies”***

Clive M. Segil, M.D., QME, FRCS, FACS, Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon

1. ***“Cervical and Lumbar Arthroplasty — Indications and New Technologies”***
Back pain is ubiquitous and suffered by millions. To determine the right treatment for patients, all of the above is vital.
2. ***“Evaluation of Back Pain — The Importance of a Good History and Examination, Looking for Objective Findings and Being Aware of Red Flags”***
3. ***“The Truth: Getting to It”***
Orthopedic myths are debunked in this talk which gives scientific facts with evidence-based treatments.
4. ***“AMA Guidelines in Evaluations of the Spine, Upper and Lower Extremities”***
The guides don’t make any medical sense. But we have to deal with this system, like it or not, so we discuss how to make sense out of them.
5. ***“Explanation of Tests in Orthopedics”***
Hundreds of tests (named usually by some doctor who first described it) will be clarified in simple terms.
6. ***“Orthopedic and Medical Terminology Made Simple”***
Once one understands the derivation of medical terms, based on a knowledge of the classic languages Latin and Greek, then medical terminology becomes a piece of cake.
7. ***“Common Orthopedic Procedures”***
A discussion of arthroscopic surgery, minimally invasive spine, knee and hip surgery, fracture management, soft tissue injuries, sports injuries and pediatric problems.
8. ***“Understanding Back Pain, Neck Pain, and Whiplash Injuries”***
Not treating these conditions, but treating PEOPLE who happen to have these problems.
9. ***“Orthopedics for Dummies”***
Making complex issues SIMPLE, with an understanding of the basic principles that are everlasting.
10. ***“How to Get the Best from your Expert Witness”***
The skills and talent that is needed to WIN EVERY CASE. A perfect production.
11. ***“What is an Orthopedic Medical Expert?”***
An intelligent, educated and experienced human, with an ability to communicate in a rational and civilized manner so that the jury understands and finds this individual credible.

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Clive M. Segil, *continued*

12. “The ‘Skinny or Gossip’ on So-Called Medical Experts Knowing the Most in the Medical Community”

There are so many incompetent, unethical, nefarious, self-serving, so-called ‘experts’ that need to be exposed.

13. “Does Surgery Really Help Patients (or their Attorneys)?”

Critical post surgery analysis is vital to determine the value of surgery. Correct selection with the correct surgeon gives the correct result.

James H. Sherman, M.D., QME, Board Certified in Internal Medicine

1. “The Importance of Medical Records in Medical-Legal Evals”

Steven B. Silbart, M.D., QME, Board Certified in Orthopedic Surgery

1. “Back Injuries in the Land of Almaraz/Guzman II”

David E. Sones, M.D., QME, Board Certified Psychiatrist

1. “SB542: Presumption for First Responders who have Developed PTSD”

2. “Where the Law Collides Into the Medicine”

3. “SB 863: Implications for Psychiatric Injuries”

4. “Deposing Experts in Psychiatry”

5. “Deposing Applicants Regarding Claims of Psychiatric Injuries”

6. “Use of the Global Assessment Scale to Rate Psychiatric Impairment”

7. “Apportionment of Psychiatric Disability”

Graham Woolf, M.D., QME, Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology

1. “How Doctors, Drugs and Pharma Impact Workers’ Compensation Claims”

2. “Medical-Legal Issues: Using the AMA Gastroenterology Guides”

A focus on Chapter 6 of the AMA guides and examples from clinical cases. Emphasis on using the guides as they pertain to legal cases.

3. “Everything you Wanted to Know about Guiding your Way through GI Disease”

Chapter 6 of the AMA guides will be used as a guide to review clinical cases. We will travel through the GI tract from gum to bum.

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