

## Report Writing Consultation Service



The CWCSA **Report Review Consultation Service** is available to provide a one-time review or a multi-subject, multi-report **mentoring** program aimed at improving your value to judges, injured workers, employers and the legal community. The initial report review is \$500. We arrange for a retired workers' compensation judge to review one of your medical-legal reports and to offer constructive suggestions on what you can do to improve future reports. This may also reduce payment delays, objections, and hostile depositions. By developing your reputation as a writer of accurate, useful reports that settle cases, you may enhance your chances of being selected as an AME.



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The best medical-legal reports are those that address contested medical issues succinctly while facilitating the resolution of disputes objectively, accurately and fairly. By law, QMEs and AMEs are impartial expert witnesses whose job it is to assist judges and the parties through the production of reports that constitute substantial medical evidence. Not only does this require significant medical acumen, it also entails having a good foundation in workers' compensation statutes, administrative regulations and case law. Medical-legal reports should be written with their readers in mind —judges, lawyers, claims adjusters, raters and laymen; not other doctors.



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The CWCSA **Report Review Consultation Service** program begins with you sending us a redacted copy of a medical-legal report you wrote and served, plus any advocacy letters received from adjusters and attorneys related to the case. We will assign a tracking number to your report rather than your name, so it will be anonymous.

The judge reviewer will carefully peruse your report, assessing it for clarity, accuracy, sound reasoning, internal consistency, understanding of medical and medical-legal issues, compliance with Regulation 10606, brevity, adherence to the questions and restrictions set forth in the advocacy letter(s), and the appropriateness of any diagnostic tests you ordered. The reviewer's assessment of your report and any recommendations for improvement will be sent to you confidentially, in writing. A more in depth assessment of your report may be obtained for an additional fee. We are confident that a review from CWCSA's experts will assist you in writing even better reports in the future.