



## Independent Medical Examinations at OHS

You may be wondering “What exactly is an Independent Medical Examination?”

An Independent Medical Examination, or IME, is a legal term that refers to an examination performed by a neutral or unbiased physician in order to determine certain factors. These factors can include whether an injury is legitimate, whether the patient still has disabilities, whether the patient can work again and in what capacity, whether the patient has reached a so-called medical endpoint (a point at which no further treatment will improve the condition) or whether the patient is fit to resume everyday life and has no permanent damage.

An impairment rating is often requested in addition to the IME. An impairment rating is a percentage of disability assigned to a body part and/or the body as a whole. OHS is well-versed in these assignments and bases them on the latest edition of the American Medical Association (AMA) Guidelines.

Who can request an IME? Pretty much anyone. Typically clients such as management organizations or third party coordinators, attorneys, insurance companies or even patients themselves schedule these appointments.

OHS has been performing these extensive and comprehensive exams since 2000. Our determinations are made following a full review of medical records, a thorough patient interview and a complete medical examination. All this information is compiled and presented in a clear-cut report which is completed in a timely fashion. Historically, our renderings have proven to be strong and solid and they hold up well to scrutiny.

The outcome of an IME can greatly affect the life of the person being examined. At OHS we understand the significance of this exam and are proud to offer the utmost in objectivity, accuracy and quality.

**To learn more or to schedule an IME, please contact Jodi Mullholand at 865-558-3038.**