

Frequently Asked Questions – Independent Medical Examinations

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- Q: How quickly can I schedule an IME?

A: IME appointments are typically available within 5–10 business days. Expedited scheduling may be available upon request.

- Q: How soon will the report be available after the IME?

A: Standard reports are completed within 7 business days following the evaluation. Rush reports (within 3 business days) are available for an additional fee.

- Q: What information should I send with the referral?

A: Please include our referral form along with relevant medical records, diagnostic imaging (MRI/X-rays), medication lists, surgery reports, FCEs, prior IMEs, and a list of specific questions to be addressed.

- Q: Can I request an impairment rating based on AMA Guides 6th Edition?

A: Yes. Dr. Welch provides impairment ratings using the AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, 6th Edition, upon request.

- Q: Can you review medical records only?

A: Yes. Record reviews are available without a physical examination and billed hourly. A comprehensive narrative report is provided.

- Q: Are depositions and courtroom testimony services available?

A: Yes. Dr. Welch is experienced in providing expert witness services. Testimony is billed hourly, including preparation and travel time.

- Q: Is travel available for off-site IMEs?

A: Yes. Off-site IMEs can be arranged depending on location and availability. Travel time and mileage charges apply.

- Q: What happens if the patient misses their appointment?

A: A no-show or late cancellation (less than 48 business hours) is subject to a \$300 fee.

- Q: Is telehealth available for IMEs?

A: Telehealth is available for certain types of evaluations such as follow-ups, record reviews, and non-injury assessments. Please call to confirm eligibility.

- Q: What languages are supported?

A: “Ofrecemos servicios para pacientes hispanohablantes”, (We offer services for Spanish speaking patients). Please notify us in advance if an interpreter is required. Arrangements can be made for most spoken languages.