

## State of California Continues to Break Ground DIR / DWC advances evidence-based medicine by giving providers free access to ACOEM content and tools

Evidence-based medicine improves the quality of care by ensuring clinical decision making is guided by treatment recommendations that are supported by the best available evidence. California's Department of Industrial Relations/Division of Workers' Compensation is committed to this goal.

Treatment recommendations found in the MTUS – ACOEM Guidelines are considered the standard of care to cure or relieve injured workers from the effects of injury (Labor Code section 4600(b)).

Utilization Review and Independent Medical Review physicians are required to evaluate requests for authorization against the standard of care established by the MTUS – ACOEM Guidelines. Treating providers who are unfamiliar with the MTUS will not know if their treatment requests comply with these regulatory requirements.

There is no reason to be left in the dark. The MTUS – ACOEM Guidelines, other ACOEM content and tools are now available for free to all workers' compensation medical providers involved in California's workers' compensation system.

**IF YOU ARE A MEDICAL PROVIDER INVOLVED IN CALIFORNIA'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM,  
SIGN UP TODAY FOR FREE ACCESS AT [WWW.MDGUIDELINES.COM/MTUS](http://WWW.MDGUIDELINES.COM/MTUS).**



## Physician Benefits

### ***Expedites Approval of Treatment Requests:***

The MTUS – ACOEM guideline recommendations are considered the standard of care for the treatment of injured workers. Knowing the standard of care and formulating a treatment plan that is guided by these recommendations will expedite approval of your treatment requests.

### ***Easy to use and saves valuable time:***

Medical treatment guidelines can be lengthy and complex. Now with web-based tools, you can maneuver through the MTUS-ACOEM Guidelines to pinpoint exactly what you need in a matter of seconds. Best of all, searches are intuitive and can be mastered by anyone... even those who are not technologically savvy.

### ***Facilitates reimbursement:***

Utilization Review and Independent Medical Review Physicians are required by law to evaluate requests for authorization against the standard of care established by the MTUS – ACOEM Guidelines. With the stroke of a few computer keys, providers can quickly find the recommendations that will be used to evaluate your requests for authorization.

### ***Improves the doctor-patient relationship:***

The MTUS enables providers to share diagnosis and treatment information with the patient, allowing the patient to take a more active role in their return to health. This empowered decision making has been associated with improving patient engagement, satisfaction and outcomes.

**Don't forget to sign-up for free access to MTUS guidelines and formulary  
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