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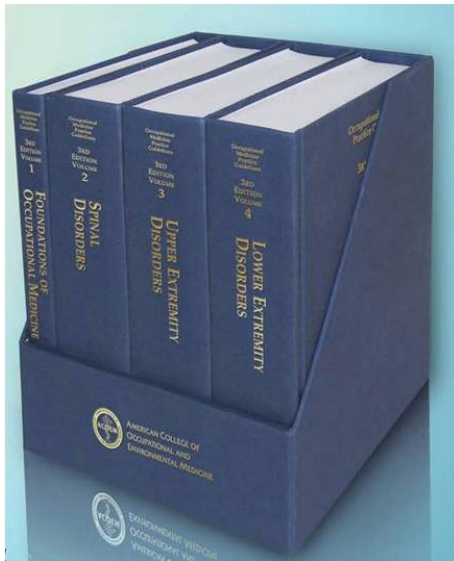
ACOEM’s Occupational Medicine Practice Guidelines: Evaluation and Management of Common Health Problems and Functional Recovery in Workers, Third Edition is the gold standard in effective treatment of occupational injuries and illnesses for physicians, other health care providers, and all those involved in worker health and workers’ compensation systems.

- The **ACOEM Guidelines** have been tested and refined in medical practice and present essential **evidence-based information** to address the injured worker’s functional impairment and safely return him or her to work.
- The **Guidelines** are based on a published, detailed methodology with scientifically verifiable conclusions developed and reviewed by multi-disciplinary panels.

APG-I is the **web based application** of the **Occupational Medicine Practice Guidelines**. APG-I provides a decision-support system that guides users step-by-step through ACOEM’s evidence-based **Guidelines** with intuitive, user-friendly infrastructure and high-speed performance.

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ACOEM’s *Occupational Medicine Practice Guidelines* are the only evidence-based guidelines that focus on returning employees to work within 90 days of an injury or illness. This is clinically appropriate, as data show that more than 90% of workplace injuries are resolved within this time. Medical issues outside of the 90-day range are addressed throughout the *Guidelines* as well.

The *Guidelines* were developed in response to rising expectations for quality of care; increased expectations for good outcomes and medical safety; the need to stop over utilization and to curb unproductive and even harmful procedures; and the need to reflect advances in medicine based on the best available evidence.

The Guidelines:

- Provide a basis for treatment option consideration in exceptional circumstances
- Base medical decisions and case management on the best available evidence
- Control costs by reducing unexplained variation in care – more treatment options than ever
- Provide a baseline for the physician to ensure payment for treatment

The treatment approach takes a comprehensive view that encompasses the medical, psychosocial, and functional outcomes of the injured worker. This enables the *Guidelines* to be an integral, seamless part of treatment planning and case-management systems. **See the topics below.**

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