

Independent Medical Examinations



Thomas S. Samuelson, MD

Dr. Samuelson performs many independent medical examinations and reports on shoulders and knees. He is board certified in both orthopaedic surgery and orthopaedic sports medicine with fellowship training in sports medicine. His surgical and treatment experience as well as his knowledge in orthopedics adds to his explicit and timely fashion of reports and responses to inquiries regarding his care of patients and claimants.



Atul T. Patel, MD

Dr. Patel has experience in rehabilitation as a physiatrist. He is board certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation, spinal cord medicine, neuromuscular medicine, brain injury medicine, and electrodiagnostic medicine. He performs many lectures throughout the world and has comprehensive expertise in multiple areas of the body. He is qualified to complete independent medical examinations and reports on the body including head/brain, neck/cervical, back/spine.



J. Clinton Walker, MD

Dr. Walker has been an expert in upper extremity independent medical examinations and reports for many years. He is board certified in orthopedic surgery with additional specialty certification for hand surgery with fellowship training in hand and upper extremity. He has a comprehensive knowledge base in upper extremities and performs many of these examinations.



Suzanne G. Elton, MD

Dr. Elton is very experienced in upper extremity independent medical examinations and reports. She is board certified with fellowship training in hand and microsurgery. Her specialty in the field of orthopedics is in upper extremities and she is highly experienced in performing these examinations.



Jeffrey W. Salin, DO

Dr. Salin is a well experienced in orthopaedics, and brings great knowledge for the treatment of hip and knee injuries. He is board certified in orthopaedic surgery and is fellowship trained in total joint replacement surgery. He specializes in partial knee replacement and total knee and hip replacement surgery with minimally invasive techniques.



John S. Bleazard, DO

Dr. Bleazard brings experience and knowledge in the treatment in orthopaedics. His specialty training, certification and surgery are in foot and ankle treatment with orthopedic foot and ankle fellowship training. Although this is his specialty, he is experienced in a wide range of orthopaedic treatment. His attention to work comp, legal and patient treatment is highly regarded.



Stephen V. Hiatt, MD

Dr. Hiatt is board certified in orthopedic surgery with a certification of added qualification for hand and upper extremity. He also completed fellowship training in hand and upper extremity. Although Dr. Hiatt performs all aspects of general orthopedics, he specializes in the upper extremities.



Brandon L. Barnds, MD

Dr. Barnds brings expertise and fellowship training in arthroscopy and sports medicine, related to complex injuries of the shoulder, elbow, knee, and hip. He specializes in open and arthroscopic surgery in addition to independent evaluation and second opinions of these injuries.

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