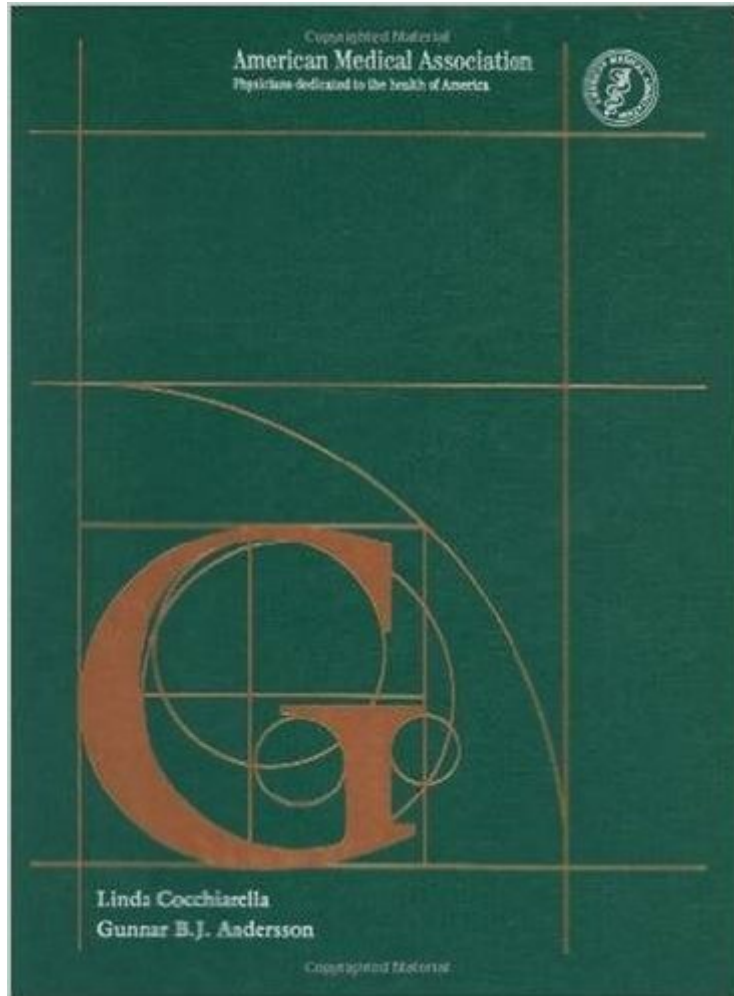


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# Guides To The Evaluation Of Permanent Impairment, Fifth Edition



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The Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment has been the disability professional's reference of choice for more than three decades. The new Guides Fifth Edition delivers state-of-the-discipline information you can put to practical use in your day-to-day applications immediately. Get the most current, consensus-based, scientific and clinical information from every relevant medical specialty. It features: -Enhanced coverage of chronic pain assessment -New conditions, such as HIV and latex allergy -Major enhancements to cardiology, skin, visual, respiratory and musculoskeletal systems -Standardized formatting across topics makes it the most accessible Guides ever

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## Customer Reviews

I still feel that those people below who feel that this book is the greatest thing since sliced bread are biased and must have some interest in the book. This book does have many contributors. Here's my frank take on it. If your state requires you to use this book for impairment ratings, you have no choice but to purchasing it. However, be aware that this book is extremely inconsistent and you will certainly have to attend some type of seminars or educational sessions in order to use it effectively. This book is actually a step backward from previous editions. Each region of the body uses different ratings system and the language is vague at best and in some cases seems to mean opposite of it's intention. This book will not be able to prepare you for impairment rating. It may only be used as reference after learning the system from someone who has used it. This book must have

gained authority from good lobby rather than quality contents.

Several chapters, such as the one on the spine, lower extremities, skin, and pulmonary system are, indeed, quite well-written and fairly easy to follow. The chapter on upper extremities, however, is simply in deplorable shape. Moreover, the AMA guides did not do a good job of explaining when it is appropriate to use a certain method and when it is not. In many cases, the evaluator is not sure which method to use, even after a careful reading of the guides. The overarching philosophy of the Guides is not explained as well as it should be. All in all, however, a vast improvement over the much more difficult to use fourth edition. Needless to say, a physician using this book needs both an instructor and an appropriate patient population to refine his/her skills as a disability evaluator.

Although my copy came with 10 pages of errata sheets stuck in the front of it (presumably cured in the 5th version), I still got a lot out of reading through this book. The descriptions of impairment are de regeur reading for coming up with convincing settlement demands for soft tissue injuries. Someone's shoulder hurts? How do you say they have lost 20% of their upper body use as a result? Why not 90% of one finger, 50% of one hand, and 80% of one arm? Multiple impairments like these can be descriptively segmented to more fully elaborate what a patient is feeling, and how they are limited in daily activities. Both the plaintiff bar and the insurance community are well-served by this book. As for the medical accuracy of it, I'll take the AMA's word for it.

The 5th Edition is the Rosetta Stone for evaluating permanent impairment. It is invaluable in workers' compensation, where many states, provinces and several countries either mandate its use or treat this work as an authoritative source of impairment evaluation. It may also come to have utility in ADA cases, especially with its emphasis on activities of daily living, and as a predicate to demonstrating the significance or insignificance of an impairment's effect on major life activities after *Toyota vs Williams*. The vision chapter represents the AMA's first major, published revision to the science and knowledge of eye impairments since the early 1900's.

It's the standard. Can't get around it. Examples are very good. Read through the examples for a thorough understanding and you'll be fine.

This isn't the newest edition and it's by no means perfect for formulating impairment ratings, but this is the reference used by the Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation for assigning

permanent impairment ratings to injured workers.

These Guides were ordered for a training course in Australia. Part of the delivery arrived fine (3 books). The rest arrived a week after the course was run. I paid for fast delivery

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