

Non-Musculoskeletal MMI/IR Case-Based Webinar

Module 5

Instructions

This document contains the Non-Musculoskeletal MMI/IR cases that will be addressed during the upcoming case-based webinar.

It's imperative that you work the cases in advance of participating in the webinar. The solutions to the cases will be discussed during the webinar. Please note any questions you have about these cases while you are working them.

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Non-Musculoskeletal MMI/IR Case 1

Visual System

- Welder struck with metallic foreign body penetrating the left eye
- Traumatic cataract left eye with lens replacement
- At MMI best corrected visual acuity
 - Left eye distance 20/150, near 14/60
 - Right eye distance 20/25, near 14/14
- Monocular visual field assessment via Goldman perimeter
 - Peripheral vision left eye 450° (50° loss)
 - No loss of visual field in right eye
- Normal ocular motility
- No diplopia

On date of MMI, what is whole person IR?

- A. 20%
- B. 22%
- C. 23%
- D. 24%

Non-Musculoskeletal MMI/IR Case 2

TBI

- Injured employee fell from a ladder, sustaining a traumatic brain injury
- Developed seizures with unpredictable recurrences, requiring maintenance medication
- Able to return to work, but seizures interfere with some ADLs (driving, cooking)
- At MMI neuropsych evaluation showed mild cognitive deficit, able to perform most ADLs

On date of MMI, what is the whole person IR?

- A. 15%
- B. 16%
- C. 29%
- D. 39%

Non-Musculoskeletal MMI/IR Case 3

Burn

- Injured employee sustained severe burn to distal right anterior thigh
- Some ADLs limited as a result and he required use of topical cream on daily basis
- Knee ROM
 - flexion 90°
 - extension 0°

On date of MMI, what is whole person IR?

- A. 27%
- B. 24%
- C. 14%
- D. Range of IR percentages, explain your answer

Non-Musculoskeletal MMI/IR Case 4

- IE sustained ventral and left inguinal hernias while working
- Underwent ventral hernia repair and left inguinal hernia repair, both with mesh
- At MMI no palpable defect in either surgical site
- With increased pressure maneuvers including Valsalva, coughing, and lifting head up while supine, slight protrusions in inguinal canal and abdominal hernia repair which were reducible
- Returned to work in warehouse lifting more than 50 pounds occasionally

On MMI date, what is whole person IR?

- A. 0%
- B. 5%
- C. 15%
- D. 25%