



ISR Physical Therapy

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FCEs and Impairment Ratings

Functional capacity evaluations are used to determine an individual's ability to perform physical tasks in the workplace. Impairment ratings are used to determine a percentage of permanent impairment that is a representation of the impact on the individual's activities of daily living, **excluding work**. The impairment rating is a numerical value that is used in case settlement and helps to determine monetary awards.

ISR Physical Therapy clinicians have performed impairment ratings for many years and currently use the 6th Edition of the AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment. They have undergone training in the 6th Edition of the Guides at the American Medical Association's headquarters in Chicago. If you have a client that needs an impairment rating, we can help. The impairment rating can be provided solely or in conjunction with the FCE.

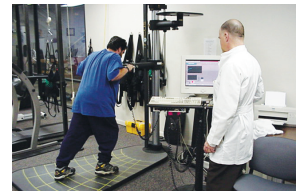
We can collect the necessary data when performing a FCE and can provide two reports. One will detail their functional ability as it relates to work and the other will illustrate their level of impairment. If this is something that would benefit you or your client, just let us know an impairment rating is required when scheduling a FCE. We will detail in the impairment rating report how we arrived at our conclusion and will include page and table numbers to allow the reader to follow along in the Guides book if they have any questions. This can be very useful to the physician, case manager, or adjuster. If you need help with a FCE or impairment rating, give us a call. We have qualified as experts in functional testing in Federal, State, and Workers compensation courts.

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Marc completed his Masters of Physical Therapy at Emory University in 2001. He has had the opportunity since his graduation to work with a variety of orthopedic conditions and is experienced in FCEs, work conditioning, sports injuries as well as back and neck injuries.