

YOUR INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAM: WHAT TO EXPECT

At Merit Medical Evaluations, we are committed to providing a seamless and professional experience for all our clients. Our primary goal is to ensure that each injured person feels informed and at ease throughout the evaluation. Here is a comprehensive guide to what you can expect at your scheduled appointment with us.

Coordination and Communication

All interactions with Merit Medical Evaluations concerning scheduling, rescheduling, and cancellations or document submissions are efficiently managed through your injury representative. This representative could be your Claims Adjuster, Case Manager, or Legal Representative. They work closely with our staff to facilitate a smooth process from start to finish.

Before your appointment, our dedicated team collaborates with your injury representative to gather, compile, and analyze all relevant medical records related to your condition or injury. This preparation ensures we thoroughly understand your medical history and current status before your evaluation.

Preparing for Your Appointment

We value your time and have structured our scheduling process to reflect this. Please arrive at your appointment at the scheduled time. There is no need to come earlier, as each appointment includes time for necessary paperwork before you see the physician.

What to Bring:

- Valid Photo Identification: Acceptable forms include a valid driver's license, a government-issued state ID, or a passport.
- List of Current Medications: A detailed list of all medications you currently take.

When you arrive, please check in with a member or staff. For your convenience, handicapped-accessible parking is available on the east side of our building. If you require an interpreter, they will meet you at the time of check-in.

The Evaluation Process

You will be asked to complete a medical history questionnaire and any other necessary paperwork during your visit. This step ensures that our team has the most up-to-date information regarding your health.

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For Virtual Independent Medical Exams (V-IMEs), the process involves an in-person component at a partnering physical therapy (PT)clinic. Typically, you will be evaluated by a physical or occupational therapist, while the doctor participates virtually via a high-resolution camera and speakerphone system. This approach maintains high standards of medical evaluation while leveraging technology for convenience and flexibility.

Exam Details:

- **Confidential and Focused:** The exam will include only you, the physician, the physician's assistant, and an interpreter, if necessary.
- **Thorough Assessment:** Be prepared to discuss your medical history and symptoms in detail. The physician will perform measurements and assessments pertinent to your injury or condition.
- **Documentation and Discussion:** The physician will document their findings and may share preliminary results with you, allowing for questions or additional input.

Post-Examination Protocol

The physician will compile a comprehensive report detailing their findings and conclusions after the evaluation. This report is sent to your injury representative and/or the entity requesting the examination.

Access to Information:

- Copies of Signed Forms: Upon request, you are entitled to receive copies of any forms you sign during your appointment.
- **Physician's Report:** You can request a copy of the physician's detailed report from your injury representative.

You should conduct all communication with Merit Medical Evaluations, both before and after your exam, through your injury representative. This process ensures a clear and organized flow of information and upholds our commitment to professional and efficient service.

Conclusion

Merit Medical Evaluations is dedicated to providing a professional, streamlined experience for all our injured persons. We pride ourselves on meticulous preparation, thorough evaluations, and clear communication protocols. If you have any questions or need further information about your appointment or our services, please contact your injury representative.

We look forward to assisting you and ensuring your evaluation is as smooth and comfortable as possible.

