

 Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board	Part:	General and Corporate	
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ROLE OF THE MEDICAL CONSULTANT

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Medical Consultant position is established internally within the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board (YWCHSB). However, the Medical Consultant is independent of any branch of the YWCHSB and reports directly to the President/CEO. An alternate Medical Consultant fills in when required.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Role

The role of the Medical Consultant is:

- a) to provide opinion to YWCHSB staff, the hearing officer, the Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal (Tribunal) and the Board of Directors on compensation board medical issues;
- b) to review and interpret medical reports as required;
- c) to participate in the case management process;
- d) to examine injured workers;
- e) to comment on recommended medical treatment options for injured workers;
- f) to assess and provide ratings for workers' work-related permanent impairments;
- g) to provide education and training to YWCHSB staff in the area of medicine;
- h) to provide prevention education to employers and workers in the area of medicine;
- i) to liaise on behalf of the YWCHSB with the medical community both within and outside Yukon;

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- j) to serve as a resource in policy development that is medical in nature;
- k) to research medical issues which are of relevance to the YWCHSB;
- l) to assist in the legislated medical surveillance programs; and
- m) to assist Occupational Health and Safety Branch in the investigation of workplace accidents.

2. Alternate Medical Consultant

An alternate Medical Consultant shall act on behalf of the YWCHSB when the YWCHSB's Medical Consultant is the injured worker's attending physician.

3. Hiring of the Medical Consultant

The Medical Consultant shall be hired by the President/CEO.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

In situations where the individual circumstances of a case are such that the provisions of this policy cannot be applied or to do so would result in an unfair or an unintended result, the YWCHSB will decide the case based on its individual merits and justice in accordance with YWCHSB policy, "Merits and Justice of the Case." Such a decision will be considered for that specific case only and will not be precedent setting.

ACT REFERENCES

Sections 11, 12, 13, 20 and 36

POLICY REFERENCE

EN-02, "Merits and Justice of the Case"

HISTORY

GC -07, "Role of the Medical Consultant", effective January 26, 1995, revoked July 1, 2008.

Chair
