



WHEN NOT TO GET AN IME

- **Just** because you **don't know what to do** on the claim.
- **If the worker is in the acute recovery stage** following major surgery (usually six weeks). Dressings, casts, or other factors can limit movement for the worker so progress may be slowed.
- **If the attending physician has a clear treatment plan** and worker is making progress.
- **If you have not asked for needed information** from the **attending physician** and/or concurrent care physician.
- **If the attending physician can give medical documentation** or diagnostic test results.
- **If you can ask the AP** to get a **consultation**.
- **If the worker is already scheduled** for a consultation.
- **If the worker** is currently scheduled for or waiting for the results of **diagnostic tests**.
- **When the worker is participating** in a **pain program**. Pain clinic doctors can rate PPD, review job analyses, etc., when requested.
- **If the needed information** is already in the file, and you can find it by doing a **thorough file review**.