

We have reviewed the information you provided in your letter of September 11, and it appears your concerns regard the cleanliness of Dr Jacobsen's office and his attitude during an Insurer Medical Examination (IME). Oregon Workers' Compensation Laws and Administrative Rules do not govern the conduct of physicians performing these examinations, except:

OARA 436-010-0270 (6)-(9) describe the procedures to be followed by insurers in obtaining the three IME's by physicians of their choice allowed during each open period of a claim. Specifically, OAR 436-010-0270 (8) states:

The person conducting the examination shall determine the conditions under which the examination will be conducted. Subject to the physician's approval, the worker may use a video camera or tape recorder to record the examination. Also subject to the physician's approval, the worker may be accompanied, or remain accompanied, by a family friend or member during the examination. If the physician does not approve a worker's request to record and/or allow the worker to be so accompanied, the physician must document the reasons.

We have no control over the length of examinations or the demeanor of the examiners.

We are forwarding your letter to the Board of Medical Examiners at 1500 SW 1st, Ste 620, Portland, (503) 229-5770. They have jurisdiction to investigate your allegations to determine if they represent a violation of the Medical Practices Act. Future correspondence should be directed to them.

Webmasters note: We have so far been unable to connect this page to other documents in our possession with any certainty but will continue to try to locate the other(s).