

Assessment Team Review

It can happen that our injured workers take longer than expected to recover from their injury. A care provider can ask for an assessment team review if the care provider thinks that the injured worker will benefit. The WCB can make the request too.

Here are some reasons why a request might be made for an assessment team review:

- There is no return-to-work date and:
 - The worker has been disabled past the expected recovery date.
 - A cause has not been diagnosed.
 - There is no active treatment plan.
 - There are warning signs of unending disability.
- If the injured worker stays at work but has not fully recovered.

Assessment teams are made up of:

- Doctors (or a specialist, if required).
- Chiropractors.
- Physical therapists.
- Occupational therapists.
- Psychologist, if the length of the disability is greater than 12 weeks.

Assessment teams examine the injured worker and suggest a treatment plan to the primary care provider. Information from the team includes:

- A description of the injury.
- Assessment results (physical, medical and psychosocial).
- Functional testing to learn if the worker has recovered from the work injury.
- Suggestions for further medical management of the injury.
- Suggestions for return-to-work planning.

The primary care provider puts the treatment plan in place.

Therapy Centres

Secondary therapy centres offer many different types of treatment daily providing specific area, overall and functional conditioning, work simulation and monitored return-to-work programs.

Tertiary therapy centres may add a pain management plan and mental and social care through in-house psychologists.

Care providers can request an assessment team review by contacting us at 306.787.7582 (fax) or 1.888.844.7773.