



Why Treatment for a Worker's Compensation Injury with an Occupational Medicine Specialist like Alliance is Preferable vs. Treating with a Family Doctor

- **Rapid access to care**

Injured workers can make an appointment or they can “walk-in” to be seen immediately for an injury as long as they have authorization from either their employer or insurance carrier. Patients can come in Monday - Friday 7AM-7PM and will typically be seen within a few minutes of completing their registration paperwork.

- **Accurate diagnosis and treatment plan**

Occupational physicians are very skilled and experienced in reviewing medical histories and examining patients with work related injuries to determine an accurate diagnosis and treatment plan to expedite recovery.

- **Easy access to medications, splints, x-ray, and lab**

Our offices are equipped with most the commonly used medications and splints that are dispensed to injured workers without having to wait at an outside pharmacy. We also have X-ray on site as well and are over-read by a Board Certified Radiologist. Phlebotomy services are available on site to draw blood, which is sent overnight to contracted laboratories. Most X-rays reports and blood test results are available for our medical providers to review in approximately 24-48 hours.

- **Access to on site physical rehabilitation department**

If rehabilitation is prescribed, injured workers have access to onsite licensed physical therapists, hand therapists, chiropractors, and acupuncturists who are all knowledgeable in treating work related injuries. Rehabilitation appointments can typically be scheduled in 24-48 hours thereby avoiding a delay in the rehabilitation process.

- **Providers are knowledgeable about ACOEM and California's Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule which represent the standard of care in the Worker's Compensation system**

Because our providers understand the California's treatment guidelines, they know how to appropriately manage complex cases and how to successfully request authorization for diagnostics, consultations, and other services.

- **Providers know the appropriate worker's compensation forms to use for communication with insurance carriers and employers to expedite workplace return and to help ensure benefits are paid if necessary**

In worker's compensation, providers must complete Doctor's First Reports, PR-2's (progress reports), PR-4's (Permanent & Stationary reports for closing cases) and Work Status reports that must be completed within certain timeframes. Delays or improper paperwork can decrease access to care and may jeopardize or delay benefits. Our office does not charge for the completion of disability forms if the injured worker is treating with us for an occupational injury.

- **Prompt access to specialty care when needed – orthopedist, physiatrists, spine specialist, and pain psychologist**

At Alliance facilities, we also have specialists that come to our facilities on a regular basis. Referrals to these specialists takes place in a fraction of the time that a referral in the group health arena typically takes place. Our specialists use the same chart as our primary care providers so your doctors have easy access to all the relevant test results and each other's reports.

- **No copayments or monetary expenditure through occupational medicine facilities**