



# PREMIER

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# SPINE CARE

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My name is Adrian P. Jackson, M.D. I am a Board-certified Orthopaedic Surgeon pursuant to the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. I am licensed to practice medicine in the state of Kansas and have been a practicing medical doctor since 1999. I have an active Orthopaedic practice specializing in spinal surgery. I treat numerous patients involved in Kansas Workers' Compensation claims, and I am on the Kansas Workers' Compensation approved list as a neutral independent medical evaluating professional. A copy of my Curriculum Vitae is attached.

I have been providing impairment ratings in the State of Kansas for many years using the *American Medical Association Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment Fourth Edition*. Since 2015, I have been using the *American Medical Association Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment Sixth Edition* pursuant to a change in Kansas law. There is no doubt that the level of permanent impairment assigned pursuant to the *AMA Guides 6<sup>th</sup> Edition* is significantly lower than the percentage of impairment which would be assigned for a similar condition under the *AMA Guides 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*.

I have been told that one of the reasons for arbitrarily lowering the value of impairment for an identical injury is to reflect advancements in modern medicine between the initial publication of the *AMA Guides 4<sup>th</sup> Edition* and the initial publication of the *AMA Guides 6<sup>th</sup> Edition*. I can unequivocally tell you there have been no significant advancements in science or medicine to justify the significant reduction in the percentage level of impairment assigned within my specialty of spine surgery. Under the *AMA Guides 6<sup>th</sup> Edition*, the default value for a one-level spinal fusion is 7% to the body as a whole. This is more than a 50% reduction, quite arbitrarily I might add, when you compare this same identical injury and how it would be evaluated under the *AMA Guides 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*.

Again, there has been no change in how this surgery is performed, the recovery time, nor the resultant permanent impairment since the *AMA Guides 4<sup>th</sup> Edition* and *AMA Guides 6<sup>th</sup> Edition* were published. I could give you numerous examples of this significant arbitrary reduction in permanent impairment when it comes to spinal conditions with, or without, surgery. In short, it is my opinion that the *AMA Guides 6<sup>th</sup> Edition* provides an inadequate representation of injured workers' true impairment/disability.

Additionally, I take issue with the fact that the *AMA Guides 6<sup>th</sup> Edition* does not allow a rating physician to use his independent judgment and training in arriving at the rating as opposed to the rating physician's ability to do so under the *AMA Guides 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*. Most importantly, I take great exception with page 23 of the *AMA Guides 6<sup>th</sup> Edition* where it states, "Although treating physicians may perform impairment ratings on their patients, it is recognized that these are not independent and therefore may be subject to greater scrutiny." I have provided ratings under the *AMA Guides 4<sup>th</sup> Edition* on most, if not all, of my workers' compensation-related patients and have provided that rating on an independent, unbiased basis. I believe the *AMA Guides 6<sup>th</sup> Edition* comment mentioned above is intended to not only discredit a treating doctor's opinion, but to force employers and injured workers to obtain additional ratings from other sources, which will do nothing but increase the overall cost of work-related claims.

Based on the above, and other points not covered herein, I recommend the Kansas Legislature rectify this unfair situation by reverting back to the *AMA Guides 4<sup>th</sup> Edition* and discarding the *AMA Guides 6<sup>th</sup> Edition*.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Premier Spine Care**



### **PRACTICE INTEREST**

Surgical disorders of the spine  
Cervical spine specialist

### **PRACTICE LOCATION**

Premier Spine Care, PA  
5525 W. 119<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 210  
Overland Park, KS 66209  
August 2005-Present

### **HOSPITAL AFFILIATIONS**

1. Prairie Star Surgery Center  
23401 Prairie Star Parkway  
Lenexa, KS 66227 November 2011-Current
2. Shawnee Mission Medical Center  
9100 W. 74<sup>th</sup> Street  
Shawnee Mission, KS 66204 August 2005-Current

### **LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION**

#### **Board Certified – American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (exp. 12/31/2027)**

Kansas	04-31121	Active
Missouri	2004036073	Inactive
Minnesota	46565	Inactive
Illinois	036-106510	Inactive

### **Education:**

Spine Fellowship, Twin Cities Spine Center, Minneapolis, MN 2004-2005  
Residency, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Northwestern University,  
Chicago, IL 1999 – 2004  
MD, Saint Louis University School of Medicine St. Louis, Missouri. May 1999  
BA, State University of New York @ Stony Brook Stony Brook, New York. May 1993  
Major: Economics

### **Publications:**

1. Jackson AP, Perra JH “Adjacent Segment Degeneration”, Spinal Reconstruction, Clinical Examples of Applied Basic Science, Biomechanics and Engineering. Informa Healthcare 2007.
2. Jackson AP, Perra JH “Risk Factors for Adjacent Segment Degeneration Following Lumbar Fusion: a 10 to 12 Year Follow-up” Journal of Orthopaedic Surgery, publication pending.
3. Jackson AP, Haak MH, et al “Cervical Spine Injuries in the Elderly: Acute Post-Operative Mortality” Spine 2005;Jul 1;30(13):1524-7. \*Received Synthes Award.
4. Sokolowski MJ, Jackson AP, et al “Acute Outcome of Cervical Spine Injuries in the Elderly: Atlantaxial vs Subaxial Injuries” J Spinal Cord Med 2007;30(3):238-42.
5. Sokolowski MJ, Jackson AP, et al “Acute Mortality and Complications of Cervical Spine Injuries in the Elderly at a Single Tertiary Care Center” J Spinal Disorder Tech 2007;Jul;20(5):352-6.
6. “Development of the trigeminal system in rats.” Advisors: Ted Henderson MD/Ph.D. & Mark Jacquin Ph.D. Department of Neurobiology, St. Louis University School of Medicine and Department of Neurology, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri.
7. “Interactions of the 5HT<sub>2</sub> and 5HT<sub>1A</sub> receptors in rats.” Advisor: Rex Wang Ph.D. Department of Neurobiology, SUNY @ Stony Brook School of Medicine, Stony Brook, New York.  
Poster Presentation/Abstract - 1992.

### **Professional Societies**

North American Spine Society  
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery