



## The Pilot Newsletter

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Welcome to the first issue of The Pilot Newsletter, where we help keep participants in the Orthopedic & Neurological Surgeon Quality Pilot up to speed about relevant news and events. Every quarter, we will send you new issues. We hope that you will find these newsletters informative and useful.

**Do you have ideas for the newsletter (like, a better name)?**

**Have questions about the Pilot?**

**Want specific information?**

**... then we want to hear from you!!!**

Feel free to share comments/suggestions with the pilot team:

Phone: **(360) 902-6060**  
E-mail: [ONSQualityPilot@LNI.wa.gov](mailto:ONSQualityPilot@LNI.wa.gov)

### Need CME Credits?

Here's a few upcoming opportunities that will satisfy CME requirements for the pilot for the next year...

#### **Opioid Dosing Guideline for Chronic Non-Cancer Pain**

The Agency Medical Directors' Group (AMDG) presents this **FREE** CME/CE activity that offers two (2) hours of:

- American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine approved AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>™</sup>, **Or**
- Washington Board of Pharmacy approved Continuing Education (C.E.) Credit(s).

To participate in this opportunity please visit:  
<http://www.agencymeddirectors.wa.gov/opioiddosing.asp#CME>

#### **Saturday, December 6, 2008:**

**Advanced Topics in Workers' Compensation: Physical Capacities Calculation and Return-to-Work.** Registration materials with location and tuition details will be mailed to doctors in Washington.  
[Registration information](#)

**6.5 AMA PRA Category 1 CME credits** and contact hours

**Where:** [L&I's Tukwila Service Location.](#)

## Did you know?

**BEGINNING JULY 2008:**

### **RADIOLOGY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

When billing for the professional component, providers **must** provide documentation of their professional interpretation of radiology procedures. A written report is **required** to distinguish a “formal interpretation” of the radiology procedure from the “review” of a radiology procedure.



*“Providers **must** provide documentation of their professional interpretation.”*

For non-radiologists to bill for the professional component of a radiology procedure, they **must** provide a separate written report similar to that report provided by a specialist (radiologist) in the field.

The separate written radiology report must include all of the following:

- The anatomic location of the procedure
- Specific views (e.g. PA/Lateral, standing, weight bearing)
- Diagnosis
- Reason for the procedure and
- Professional interpretation.

*Note: All information related to the radiology procedure must be present to bill the professional component.*

### **Billing for a Consultation?**

When billing for a consultation, remember the three “**R**’s”:

The attending physician **R**equest an opinion from a consulting physician

The consulting physician **R**enders an opinion about the patients condition

The consulting physician **R**esponds back to the attending physician who requested the opinion

Affected consultation CPT Codes:

99242, 99243, 99244, and 99245

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## Updated Ortho/Neuro Pilot Webpage

We recently updated our webpage with a new look and content organized in a way that's easier to find. Check it out:

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/ClaimsIns/Providers/Research/OrthoNeuro/about.asp>

If you notice something is missing and would be important to include, please let the pilot team know by sending an e-mail to [ONSQualityPilot@LNI.wa.gov](mailto:ONSQualityPilot@LNI.wa.gov)



### Self-Insurers

*We want to hear from you.* What information would you like to see in the Pilot Newsletter? Need specific information? E-mail us with your comments at: [ONSQualityPilot@lni.wa.gov](mailto:ONSQualityPilot@lni.wa.gov)

### Questions or Comments?

Call us at our new  
Ortho Pilot Team  
phone number:

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## Coming next issue...

How L&I is doing (department measures of efficiency & quality)

More "Did you know?"

Information for Self-Insurers

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