

**From:** Philip Morris  
**Sent:** Thursday, 2 July 2009 10:51 AM  
**To:** Lowe-Carlus.Denise  
**Subject:** [BULK] Re: Policy review of permanent impairment guide

Dear Denise, could I suggest you consider using the AMA Guides 6th edition (just released) as the method for assessing psychiatric impairment. It uses a composite of the PIRS (Psychiatric Impairment Rating Scale), the GAF (Global Assessment of Functioning scale) and a symptom rating to determine percentage of psychiatric impairment. I do not think the psychiatric symptom scale is absolutely necessary, but a combination of the PIRS and the GAF scales would be very helpful. I hope this comment is of assistance. I attach my CV for your information. Prof Philip Morris.

## Brief CV

### Prof Philip LP Morris

Prof Morris has medical qualifications MBBS (Hons), BSc(med) (Hons), and PhD. He is qualified in psychiatry and addiction medicine in Australia and is a Fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (FRANZCP) and a Fellow of the Australasian Chapter of Addiction Medicine (FACHAM) of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP). He is qualified in general adult psychiatry and geriatric psychiatry in the USA and is Board Certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN). He is a Certified Independent Medical Examiner (CIME) with the American Board of Independent Medical Examiners (ABIME). Prof Morris is Vice President and a Distinguished Fellow and Board Director of the Pacific Rim College of Psychiatry.

Prof Morris is Executive Director of the Australia and New Zealand Mental Health Association. He is Medical Director of the Gold Coast – Tweed Memory Disorders Clinic. He is President of the Gold Coast Medical Association. He has a private psychiatric and medico-legal practice on the Gold Coast and in Brisbane. He is a member of the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Reference Committee.

Prof Morris is Professor at the Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine and Visiting Professorial Fellow at the Centre for Forensic Excellence, Bond University. Prof Morris has held professor positions in psychiatry at the University of Melbourne and the University of Queensland, and at the School of Health Sciences at Bond University. At the University of Melbourne he was chairman of the Department of Psychiatry Research Committee. He has been Medical Superintendent of Macquarie Psychiatric Hospital, North Ryde NSW, and Director of Mental Health for the Gold Coast District Health Service. He was the Foundation Director of the Australian Centre for Post Traumatic Mental Health at the University of Melbourne. He has been a member of the Queensland Compensation Commission (Q-Comp) Medical Assessment Tribunal – Psychiatric, and was chairman of the RANZCP Continuing Professional Development Subcommittee.

His clinical and research interests include the psychiatric care of adult patients, medical and surgical patients (consultation–liaison psychiatry), neuropsychiatry/psycho geriatrics, post-trauma syndromes, clinical drug trials, and co morbid drug and alcohol and psychiatric conditions. Prof Morris undertook post-graduate research and clinical training in the USA. He has published many scientific articles and reports and has won a number of competitive government research grants as well as pharmaceutical industry support for drug trials. He is an external assessor for the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

Prof Morris has extensive experience in medico-legal assessment for a range of legal jurisdictions. Prof Morris is trained in the application of the American Medical Association Guides for the Assessment of Permanent Impairment, the Psychiatric Impairment Rating Scale (PIRS), the Comcare Permanent Impairment Guides, and the Guide to the Assessment of Rates of Veteran Pensions (GARP).

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