

## RESOURCE FOR TREATING HEALTH PRACTITIONERS

## A GUIDE FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONERS TO MANAGE WORK RELATED INJURY

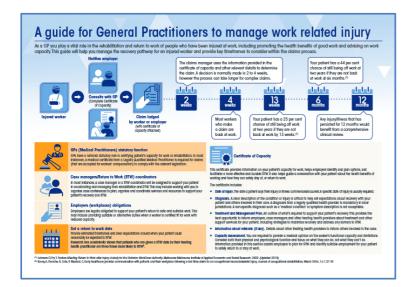
As a GP you play a vital role in the rehabilitation and return to work (RTW) of people who have been injured at work, including promoting the health benefits of good work and advising on work capacity. This guide will help you manage the recovery pathway for an injured worker and provide key timeframes to consider within the claims process. Understanding roles and timeframes in the return to work process can assist you to support and outline expectations for your patients.

**Did you know** research has consistently shown that patients who are given a RTW date by their treating health practitioner are three times more likely to RTW.

To clarify the expectations for managing work related injury, Comcare has developed a new national one-page guide, that is relevant to injured workers in all Australian workers' compensation schemes.

The guide provides an overview of:

- The workers' compensation process and key timeframes
- Statutory function of medical practitioners
- Roles of case managers/RTW coordinators and employer obligations
- Critical elements to successfully complete certificates of capacity.



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For more information on your role in the return to work process, visit <u>Medical practitioners | Comcare</u>. For more information on the benefits of using certificates of capacity and how to complete a Comcare certificate of capacity please visit <u>Certificate of capacity | Comcare</u>.