Causation – Myth vs. Science and Medical Decision Making

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Putting the Pieces of the Puzzle Together

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We are all involved in causation analysis issues and have written and/or spoken on these issues. We are passionate about these issues and bringing science to the workers’ compensation field.

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Learning Objectives

1. Define step by step scientific approach to causation analysis.
2. Identify common causation “myths”
3. Demonstrate ability to analyze a case and determine causation / apportionment based on the facts and science.

What are your needs? Why are you here?
AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Disease and Injury Causation

- Second Edition published July 2013 by the AMA.
- Best resource for assessing causation.
- State-of-the-art, evidence-based, extensive references.
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