

**DEVELOPING FOR A
CONSEQUENTIAL ILLNESS/INJURY**

SESSION BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Session Title	Developing for a Consequential Illness/Injury
Instructional Time	40 minutes
Session Description	This session covers the requirements for development of a consequential illness or injury. This includes a definition of the term along with examples of consequential illnesses and injuries. The types of medical evidence required to support the claim and the steps that the CE must follow to develop this type of claim are covered.
Instructional Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Define 'consequential illness/injury'• List the steps required to develop for a consequential illness/injury
Instructor Materials	For this session, the following materials are required: ConsequentialSession.PPT
Trainee Handouts	PM 2 – 1500
Participant Guide References	Consequential Session

INTRODUCTION



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Introduction – What is it?

- Any injury or illness occurring as a **result** of/due to **treatment of accepted occupational illness** or **covered condition**
- Illness or injury must occur **AFTER** primary condition accepted; however, one type of exception to this would be in secondary cancer cases

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INTRODUCTION, CONTINUED**KEY
POINT**

In general, the consequential FOLLOWS AFTER the accepted condition. There is ONE exception, which is covered during the discussion of medical evidence.

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NOTE**

Emphasize that there must be a direct link between the accepted condition and the consequential illness/injury.

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Introduction – Consequential Illness Examples

- [REDACTED]
- Radiation pneumonitis
- Burns as a result of radiation treatment
- Osteoporosis, hip fractures, chronic pain
- Depression [REDACTED]
- Diabetes [REDACTED]

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**KEY
POINT**

These illnesses and injuries are examples of medical conditions that may be a result of an employee's medical treatment for an accepted occupational illness/condition.

In addition to these, metastasized cancer or secondary cancer from the accepted primary site is considered a consequential condition.

INTRODUCTION, CONTINUED



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Introduction – Travel-Related Injury Example

[REDACTED]

Employee travels for medical treatment for accepted medical condition and sustains ***injury while traveling***

[REDACTED]

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NOTE

Other examples of consequential injuries include such incidents as:

- ***An employee is injured in a car accident while on the way to a doctor's appointment for treatment of an accepted medical condition.***
- ***An employee falls on ice when entering a radiology clinic for treatment of an accepted cancer and breaks her/his leg.***
- ***While walking down a hospital corridor after a chemo therapy treatment for an accepted cancer, the employee falls on a water spill and breaks her/his arm.***

INTRODUCTION, CONTINUED



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Introduction – Requirements

- [REDACTED] must have an accepted primary occupational illness or covered condition
- Claimant must provide written statement describing consequential condition
- Medical evidence establishing causal connection between consequential [REDACTED] and accepted occupational illness or covered condition

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Transition Now let's turn attention to the medical evidence required for a consequential illness or injury.

REQUIRED MEDICAL EVIDENCE



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A presentation slide titled "EEOICP" with the subtitle "The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program". The slide features a background with radiation warning symbols and a stethoscope. The main heading is "Required Medical Evidence – Types", followed by a bulleted list of four items: 1. Employee's medical history, 2. Diagnostic/physical findings (e.g., pathology report) for new condition, 3. Diagnosis of "new" condition, and 4. Medical narrative discussing the connection between new condition and accepted occupational illness/condition. A small number "6" is in the bottom right corner of the slide.

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Required Medical Evidence – Types

- Employee's medical history
- Diagnostic/physical findings (e.g., pathology report) for new condition
- Diagnosis of "new" condition
- Medical narrative discussing connection between new condition and accepted occupational illness/condition

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KEY POINT

The mere fact that an illness or injury arises subsequent to the acceptance of a covered condition is **insufficient** unless there is an obvious link.

The medical evidence must show a relationship of the new illness/injury to the primary accepted condition/occupational illness.

REQUIRED MEDICAL EVIDENCE, CONTINUED



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Required Medical Evidence – Metastasized Cancers

- Diagnosis of secondary cancer and labeled “metastasis”
- Date of diagnosis of secondary cancer:
 - After date of diagnosis for primary cancer
 - At same time primary cancer diagnosed
 - Before date of diagnosis of primary cancer *if primary site unknown*

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KEY POINT

The CE may accept the metastasized cancer from an accepted primary cancer without extensive investigation as long as the claimant provides medical evidence that establishes a metastatic secondary cancer including the date of diagnosis.

REQUIRED MEDICAL EVIDENCE, CONTINUED



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Required Medical Evidence – Travel-Related Injuries

- [REDACTED] written statement describing consequential condition *from claimant* how injury related to accepted condition
- Diagnostic/physical findings (e.g., pathology report) explaining how diagnosis established
[REDACTED]

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Required Medical Evidence – CE Assessment

- [REDACTED] t
- May accept condition upon receipt of medical evidence from treating physician
- In some complex cases, may find relationship between claimed consequential condition and accepted condition questionable -- may require clarification from treating physician, DMC review or [REDACTED] on
- Natural progression illnesses – result from treatment of silicosis and CBD; Usually accept these conditions based on a diagnosis and medical rationale from a physician

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Transition

Now let's look at how to develop for a consequential illness or injury.

DEVELOPMENT STEPS



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A presentation slide for EEOICP. The header features the acronym 'EEOICP' in large blue letters, followed by the full name 'The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program' in smaller blue text. The background of the header includes several yellow triangular warning symbols with black exclamation marks and a medical stethoscope. The main body of the slide is white with a blue border at the bottom. It contains the title 'Development Steps' in bold blue font, followed by a bulleted list of three items. The first item is partially obscured by a black redaction box. The second item is 'Review evidence'. The third item is 'Conduct follow-up for additional evidence as required'. There is another black redaction box centered below the list. The slide number '10' is in the bottom right corner.

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Development Steps

- [REDACTED] identifying evidence needed
- Review evidence
- Conduct follow-up for additional evidence as required

[REDACTED]

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KEY
POINT

Allow claimant an opportunity to respond and to submit additional evidence.

DEVELOPMENT STEPS, CONTINUED



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Development Steps, continued

- Accept it.
 - Primary condition already accepted – Notify claimant by letter of acceptance of consequential illness
 - Case in posture for acceptance – Prepare RD for primary condition and include acceptance for secondary/consequential [redacted] same decision

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Development Steps, continued

EOMS coding: [redacted]

On this screen:	Enter this information:
Claim Status	DM [sent letter] + date (status effective date)
Medical Status	Q_ [consequential] + type of condition
Medical Condition	A [accepted]

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DEVELOPMENT STEPS, CONTINUED

Claim Status - The status effective date is the first manifestation of the illness, but after the primary condition date and the date the employee claimed the illness.

Medical Status - All consequential codes begin with 'Q'.

Medical Condition - 'A' is entered on the Medical Condition screen since there is a Final Decision to accept for a primary condition.



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Development Steps, continued

Once coded, medical eligibility file can be updated and related medical bills can be paid for consequential condition

IMPORTANT
Make sure to code *accepted secondary cancer* using Q_code
Otherwise, medical eligibility file will not be created and bills for consequential condition will not be paid

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Transition

Now that we've reviewed the requirements for a consequential illness/injury, let's work through a 'real-life' case example.

CONSEQUENTIAL ILLNESS CASE STUDY

**Instructor
NOTE**

*This case study is conducted as a large group activity.
Fifteen (15) minutes are allotted for this activity.*



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Case Study - General Information & Evidence

- [REDACTED] submitted an EEOICPA claim for colon cancer on August 15, 2001.
- FAB accepted the claim on September 10, 2001 based on Mr. Square's SEC employment and supporting medical evidence of colon cancer.
- Subsequent to the FD, [REDACTED] faxed two documents to your DO – **medical imaging report** and **cytology report**

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**Instructor's
Note**

The Medical Imaging Report and Cytology report appear on the next two pages.

**Participant's
Guide**

Case Study Materials are located in the Participant's Guide on page 14.

CONSEQUENTIAL ILLNESS CASE STUDY, CONTINUED**MEDICAL IMAGING REPORT****First Crest****MEDICAL ♦ CENTER****100 First Crest Drive • Springfield • TN 37110 • 615-555-2140**

Patient Name: [REDACTED]
Requesting Physician: Anthony Physician, MD
Attending Physician:
Dictating Physician: Jeffrey Doctor, MD
Admission Date:
Date of Service: 04/22/2003
Order #: 123456
Reason: Liver Lesion
Patient Type: 23
Room #:
MR#: 11-69-31
Job #: 000000XXXX
Birth: 03/01/1945
Comments: SDS 15

Medical Imaging Report**76153 CT GUIDED LIVER BIOPSY****CLINICAL DATA:** History of colon carcinoma and abnormal liver lesions**CODES:** 76360, 47000

Report: After informed consent was obtained, the patient was placed supine on the CT table. Non-contrast images of the abdomen were obtained (recent diagnosis contrast study unavailable for comparison purposes – checked out of jacket). At least multiple abnormal areas of low attenuation are noted with the superior aspects of both the right and left hepatic lobes. A lesion was noted in the central aspect of the liver and skin was marked and then prepped and draped in the usual sterile fashion. Local, 1% Lidocaine, anesthesia was administered. A small skin incision was made. A 19 gauge guide needled was advanced into the liver. Good positioning was confirmed with axial CT images. Two core biopsies were obtained using 20 gauge biopsy instrument. Initial smear evaluation by Dr. Doctor reveals adequate biopsy. No immediate complications were noted.

IMPRESSION: Technically successful CT guided liver biopsy. Final pathologic results are pending.

CONSEQUENTIAL ILLNESS CASE STUDY, CONTINUED**CYTOLOGY REPORT****CYTOLOGY**

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James T. Doctor, Medical Director

Patient:	██████████	Accession	NC99 - 12345678
DOB:	03/01/1945	DATE:	04/22/2003
ACCOUNT	98765	PHYSICIAN:	Anthony Physician, MD
M/R	38248	CC:	Jeffrey Doctor, MD

FINAL DIAGNOSIS

LIVER, CT-GUIDED BIOPSY:

METASTATIC ADENOCARCINOMA, COMPATIBLE WITH COLON PRIMARY. (SEE N-991XX5, N99-1X4X)

4/23/2003 FINAL: JAMES T. DOCTOR, M.D. / PAH

** Report Electronically Signed out **

Clinical History: colon cancer**Specimen description:**

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Allow the trainees a few minutes to review the two reports before proceeding to the case study discussion questions.



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Case Study - Discussion Questions

1. Would you accept these documents as a statement describing the consequential condition? Why or why not?
2. Was a causal connection established between the primary and secondary conditions? If so, what was the link?
3. What is your next step?
4. What information gets recorded in ECMS?

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Instructor
NOTE

Facilitate discussion around each of the four questions.

Before advancing to the next question, make sure to identify the 'correct' answer.

#	Answers
1	<p>Would you accept these documents as a statement describing the consequential condition? Why or why not?</p> <p>Would accept the documents as a statement describing the consequential decision since they clearly provide a diagnosis of a secondary cancer.</p>
2	<p>Was a causal connection established between the primary and secondary conditions? If so, what was the link?</p> <p>Yes - the cytology report stated in the final diagnosis that the metastatic adenocarcinoma of the liver was compatible with the primary cancer – colon.</p>

CONSEQUENTIAL ILLNESS CASE STUDY, CONTINUED

#	Answers
3	<p>What is your next step?</p> <p>Notify the claimant by preparing a letter stating that the consequential illness is being accepted</p>
4	<p>What information gets recorded in ECMS?</p> <p>Claim status - DO (for the letter)</p> <p>Medical screen – MT [Metastatic Cancer] + April 22, 2003 (date of diagnosis for the consequential condition)</p>

Trainee
HANDOUT

Direct the trainees to page 20 for the Case Study Answers.

Transition

If there are no other questions or points to be made regarding this case study, we'll continue with a review of the salient points of this session on consequential illnesses and injuries.

SESSION SUMMARY



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A presentation slide titled 'EEOICP' with the subtitle 'The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program'. The slide content includes a 'Summary' section with two main bullet points. The first bullet point states that consequential illness/injury occurs as a result of or due to treatment of an 'accepted occupational illness or covered condition'. The second bullet point lists requirements: 1) Accepted primary occupational illness or covered condition; 2) Illness/injury occurs AFTER primary condition accepted (except in some secondary cancer cases where the secondary cancer was diagnosed before the primary cancer); 3) Medical evidence establishing causal connection between consequential illness/injury and accepted covered condition. The slide number '16' is in the bottom right corner.

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Summary

- Consequential illness/injury occurs as a result of or due to treatment of an **accepted occupational illness or covered condition**
- Requirements:
 - Accepted primary occupational illness or covered condition
 - Illness/injury occurs AFTER primary condition accepted (except in some secondary cancer cases where the secondary cancer was diagnosed before the primary cancer)
 - Medical evidence establishing causal connection between consequential illness/injury and accepted covered condition

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**Instructor
NOTE**

Make sure that all trainees have had the opportunity to ask any outstanding questions about the information that has been covered in this session before proceeding.

Transition

This concludes the session on consequential illness and injury.