



What is a Medical Panel?

A Medical Panel is an independent service that we may use to obtain answers to medical questions. We call this a referral to a Medical Panel.

Each Medical Panel has a group of expert, specialist doctors who provide an Opinion.

Each panel works like a tribunal. Their Opinion is final.

Who can suggest a Medical Panel referral?

Either party can ask us for a referral to a Medical Panel. We may also suggest a referral if we believe it may help to resolve the dispute or help us make our final decision. Any proposed referral will be discussed with the parties before it is made.

What does the Workplace Injury Commission send to a Medical Panel?

When we send a referral to the Medical Panel, it will contain:

- Information about the claimed injury
- The agreed facts
- A copy of all documents relevant to the dispute
- Questions for the Medical Panel to answer

How long will it take for a Medical Panel to provide its Opinion?

A Medical Panel has to send us its Opinion within 67 days of the doctors receiving the referral.

This timeframe may be extended if required, such as if further information is needed.

How do we decide whether to send a Medical Panel referral?

We take into account:

- The medical questions
- Any factual or legal issues
- The parties' opinions
- If the Medical Panel Opinion is likely to help finalise the dispute.

What happens to the arbitration while waiting for the Medical Panel Opinion?

Once we have referred the questions to the Medical Panel, the arbitration will be paused until we receive the Opinion.

What if a party does not agree with the Medical Panel Opinion?

The Medical Panel Opinion must be adopted, applied and accepted as final and conclusive by the Workplace Injury Commission and the parties.

If a party believes that there are legal errors in the Opinion, they can go to the Supreme Court. Before doing so, a party should consider seeking legal advice.

For more information, see our *Medical Panel Referrals Policy and Procedure for Arbitration* on our website www.wic.vic.gov.au/resources.



Need help?

For more information or assistance, please:

- call **03 9940 1111** or **1800 635 960**
- email **info@wic.vic.gov.au**
- visit **wic.vic.gov.au**



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