



What is a Medical Panel?

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

Each Medical Panel is a group of expert specialist doctors which provides an Opinion.

Medical Panels is independent and works like a tribunal. Opinions are final, and the parties and the Workplace Injury Commission must accept them.

Who can suggest a Medical Panel referral?

Any party can ask us to refer questions to a Medical Panel. The Conciliation Officer may also suggest a referral if they think it could help to resolve the dispute. Any proposed referral will be discussed with the parties before it is made.

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

The Conciliation Officer takes into account:

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

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

A Medical Panel referral will include:

- Information about the claimed injury
- Agreed facts
- Questions for the Medical Panel to answer.

- Copies of documents relevant to the dispute

What happens at the Medical Panel?

The injured worker may be required to see one or more doctors, either individually or jointly, for examination. For more information see the Medical Panels website

www.medicalpanels.vic.gov.au

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 time may be extended if needed, for example, if the Medical Panel needs more information, or needs more time to give its Opinion. The parties will be informed if the time is extended.

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

Once we have referred questions to a Medical Panel, the conciliation process will be on hold until we receive the Opinion.

What happens when the Medical Panel Opinion is received?

We will send a copy of the Opinion to all parties and their representatives. We ask them to review the Opinion and respond to us within a set time (usually 7 days).

We will consider the responses and issue an outcome certificate which reflects the Medical Panel's Opinion and finalises the dispute.



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

The Medical Panel Opinion is final and must be accepted by the parties and the Workplace Injury Commission.

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.

Where can I get more information?

For more information, see our *Medical Panel in Conciliation Policy and Procedure* on our website www.wic.vic.gov.au/resources or call us on 1800 635 960.

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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