

Top 10 Reasons to use PsyBar to Provide IMEs

Occasionally PsyBar clients wonder: “Some of PsyBar’s doctors work for several IME/AME companies. Why can’t I get the same quality reports by using those doctors through those other organizations?” The answer is that our proprietary assessment program helps ensure that a PsyBar report is more thorough than one done by the same doctor for another company. There are many factors that contribute to the superior quality of PsyBar’s reports, including:

- 1. Complete and compliant claimant consent forms** - all legally mandated information doctors need to perform evaluations in compliance with state and federal laws. Required forms are often missing from IMEs done by other companies. This can expose an insurer to liability.
- 2. PsyBar is the only similar company approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists.*** We have formally trained hundreds of doctors to perform higher quality evaluations. And we continually train our doctors by having one or two doctoral-level professionals review all reports and provide feedback.
- 3. No “fatal flaws” in reports.** Even the best doctors may unintentionally include opinions in their reports that could unfairly impact the insurer or claimant. Unfortunately, these cannot be retracted. PsyBar’s review process catches and corrects potentially harmful mistakes before they affect you.
- 4. The first — and perhaps only — Spanish-language IME assessment protocols.** Developed with leading experts in cross-cultural assessment, these protocols help insurers follow fair claims practices, protect claimant civil rights, and make impartial and supportable claim decisions.
- 5. PsyBar recommends objective psychological testing** to help support nearly all doctor reports. Courts favor this testing, as it helps justify both doctor opinions and claim decisions. Beware: Objective psychological testing is lacking in many psychiatric and psychological IMEs performed through other companies.
- 6. PsyBar has 16 years of experience and 1,600 contracted psychologists and psychiatrists.** We know the right doctors to use with different claimant types. And unlike most other companies, we have in-house psychologists that assist in the selection process.
- 7. Access to quality data on our 1,600 doctors** and detailed information about thousands of additional psychiatrists and psychologists. This is not a list lifted from a professional catalog. It is a highly select group of top doctors assembled over thousands of evaluations. Our strict standards have excluded hundreds of professionals from our panel.
- 8. PsyBar clients have exclusive permission to use PsyBar’s copyrighted referral questions.** These neutral questions help doctors clearly and directly respond to insurer’s needs and thoroughly document their findings.
- 9. Detailed proprietary assessment outlines** help doctors collect and document all required information according to nationally recognized standards. This promotes clear, consistent and objective assessments that allow insurers to confidently make proper claims decisions.
- 10. A perfect track record: No disciplinary or legal action against PsyBar doctors for PsyBar evaluations** over 16 years and thousands of evaluations. This record is remarkable in such a highly litigious field. It shows how our high practice standards protect both claimants and PsyBar clients.

Bonus reason: David Fisher, Ph.D., LP received a Presidential Citation from the American Psychological Association in 2009! This award recognized PsyBar President David Fisher’s innovations in forensic assessment and education — innovations that benefit our clients in every evaluation we perform.