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Use of medical panels to determine questions of medical opinion

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- Definition of 'medical panel' -

The commissioning (pursuant to a statute) of two or more 'medical referees' to medically examine a worker and review submitted medical information for the purpose of forming and giving a medical opinion in respect of medical question(s) referred by a competent authority.

- Composition How many referees should constitute a medical panel? Alternatives include two, three, two or more.

NSW - Two or more. In practice, usually two. Three is logistically more difficult.

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