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CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 346

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: DIRECTOR GEORGE E. NOEL
RE: SHOULDER TREATMENT GUIDELINE
DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2014

Please be advised that pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.152 §13 (3), the Department of Industrial Accidents (DIA), Director George E. Noel, is pleased to announce that the agency has adopted the revised Shoulder Treatment Guideline which has been developed and endorsed by the Health Care Services Board.

The DIA is grateful to the Health Care Services Board members and medical professionals who have generously shared their expertise and time to assist the Commonwealth in improving care rendered to injured workers.

Circular Letter No. 346 supersedes Circular Letter No. 270. The new Shoulder Treatment Guideline will replace existing Shoulder Treatment Guidelines Number 6 through Number 13. The following Treatment Guidelines are now no longer in use:

- Guideline Number 6 - Rotator Cuff Repair
- Guideline Number 7 - Anterior Acromionectomy for Acromial Impingement Syndrome
- Guideline Number 8 - Repair of AC or CC Ligaments Acromio-Clavicular Separation
- Guideline Number 9 - Mumford Procedure Acromio-Clavicular Separation
- Guideline Number 10 - Open Bankart or Bristow for Recurrent Dislocation
- Guideline Number 11 - Repair of Biceps Tendon Proximal Rupture of the Biceps
- Guideline Number 12 - Repair of Biceps Tendon Distal Rupture of the Biceps
- Guideline Number 13 - Shoulder Arthroscopy for Diagnostic Purposes

The Massachusetts Shoulder Treatment Guideline as newly adopted, may be viewed on the Department's website: www.mass.gov/lwd/workers-compensation/.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George E. Noel".

George E. Noel
Director, Department of Industrial Accidents