

Introduction

Welcome to the Atos Healthcare **Evidence Based Protocols for the Disability Analyst.**

These protocols have been developed by Atos Healthcare as reference documents to be consulted by you, when necessary, in your role as a Disability Analyst. The EBM protocols also drive the LiMA rules.

These protocols deal with the Cardiovascular and Respiratory conditions, Musculoskeletal, Mental Health and others that are most commonly encountered in Disability Assessment Medicine.

There are 42 protocols, comprising fourteen Cardio-Respiratory topics, twelve Mental Health, ten Musculoskeletal and six others. Some of these protocols are new and some are still to be written. Protocols that are still to be written are listed in the relevant folder but the document when opened states "under review".

The new protocols which have been written, and those still to be written, reflect the changing requirements within Atos Healthcare's contract with DWP and will support the extension of LiMA into DLA/AA assessments and, by October 2008, ESA.

All protocols are reviewed and updated on a three year rolling basis and are subject to both internal Quality Assurance and external Quality Assurance, from a recognised expert in each field, before being submitted to the customer for sign off via the Medical Services Contract Management Team.

It is hoped that you will find these an additional and useful tool in developing and maintaining your skills as a Disability Analyst and that they will contribute to your own personal development.

The aim is to issue an updated disc on a yearly basis this being issue 2.

How to access the EBM Protocols

Turn on your computer. Insert the CD into your CD drive. Open up Windows Explorer by Right Clicking on Start



and then Click on Explore.

Double Click on the CD Drive marked EBM Protocols, the EBM folders will now display. Each protocol has been produced as a Word document and is filed in the relevant folder.