Does the MTUS apply to the injured worker’s medical condition or illness?

- **No**
  - Do the ACOEM or ODG guidelines apply?
    - **No**
      - Do other evidence-based medical treatment guidelines apply?
        - **No**
          - Do any current studies apply that are scientifically based, peer-reviewed and published in journals that are nationally recognized by the medical community?
            - **No**
              - The Employer or Insurer has the discretion to provide the requested treatment
            - **Yes**
              - Choose & Apply the recommendation supported by the best available medical evidence per the application of the MTUS Methodology for Evaluating Medical Evidence by the physician reviewer
        - **Yes**
          - Choose & Apply the recommendation supported by the best available medical evidence per the application of the MTUS Methodology for Evaluating Medical Evidence by the physician reviewer
    - **Yes**
      - Has treating physician met the burden of proof as determined by the physician reviewer after applying the MTUS Methodology for Evaluating Medical Evidence?
        - **No**
          - Choose & Apply the recommendation supported by the best available medical evidence per the application of the MTUS Methodology for Evaluating Medical Evidence by the physician reviewer
        - **Yes**
          - The Employer or Insurer has the discretion to provide the requested treatment

- **Yes**
  - Is the MTUS being challenged?
    - **No**
      - Apply the MTUS
    - **Yes**
      - Apply the alternative treatment recommendation

- Choose & Apply the recommendation supported by the best available medical evidence per the application of the MTUS Methodology for Evaluating Medical Evidence by the physician reviewer

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