



Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Officer Biography

Ulia Sokol, M.D., M.B.A., C.I.M.E.

Medical Officer, Compensation Service Veterans Benefits Administration

Dr. Sokol serves as a team member of Medical Officers and legal experts responsible for establishing and maintaining the agency-wide medical policy [Rating Schedule (38 CFR, Part 4)] that governs the evaluation and adjudication of Veterans' benefits claims.

Dr. Sokol serves as a subject matter expert (SME) in assigned specialty area(s) (e.g., occupational hazards, mental disorders, muscular disorder, etc.) and provides advice and guidance related to the specialty area(s) that significantly impacts the overall disability evaluation program, and serves as the guide and precedents for the adjudication of claims by regional offices through Veterans Affairs and by the Board of Veterans Appeals.

Dr. Sokol is recognized as the authoritative source of an assigned specialty area of medicine, general practice, emergency medicine, occupational and aviation medicine or other specialization and is responsible for the related area as it pertains to the disability evaluation program in VA.

As a Medical Officer, Dr. Sokol conducts extensive research in the assigned specialty area; analyzes medical theories and established concepts in relating to medical adaptations required by VA law and policy; analyzes reports on numerous cases of types of diseases to establish the relationships of medical factors including categories, symptoms, residuals, effects on social and industrial adaptability, resulting impairments of earning abilities, etc.; and considers the medical advances in assigned specialty area of medicine when reviewing recommendations made by medical staff and weighing such information in light of the incumbents knowledge of the broad reaches of medicine and the disability evaluation program.

Dr. Sokol applies expert specialty area knowledge in the formulation of abstractions as medical interpretations resulting in or from legislation. The interpretations serve as the basis for precedents, policies, and guides in disability evaluations. She has extensive training and experience in basic and clinical science, clinical research, and Federal Government regulatory drafting for the US Department of Veterans Affairs. Over the last 15 years, Dr. Sokol authored almost twenty proposed and final VA Rating Schedule for Disabilities rulemakings. Dr. Sokol is an experienced leader and served as a Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for VA Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation (ACDC).

University Education:

- 2015 Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), The George Washington University School of Business, The George Washington University, Washington D.C.
- 2013 Certified Independent Medical Examiner (C.I.M.E.), American Board of Independent Medical Examiners (ABIME)
- 2006 Healthcare Systems Administration, Master's Program, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
- 2003 Clinical Research Associate & Clinical Research Coordinator, Georgetown University School of Nursing and Health Studies, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
- 1990 Doctor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Board Certification, The First Moscow Medical Institute n.a. I.M. Sechenov, Moscow, Russia
- 1989 Doctor of Medicine, The First Moscow Medical Institute n.a. I.M. Sechenov, Moscow, Russia (This medical school is recognized by the World Health Organization and is listed in the WHO's World Directory of Medical Schools)