



## The Industrial Athlete: Workers' Compensation

At Sports Medicine South, our physicians and staff have extensive experience with work-related orthopedic injuries covered under workers' compensation. SMS provides specialized care and service through an efficient, convenient and cost-effective system.

With over 30 years of combined experience, our staff understands and can meet the special challenges of workers' compensation. With our professional athletes, early diagnosis and treatment of musculoskeletal injuries are the keys to returning the athlete back to the sport quickly and safely, both reducing time lost as well as maximizing performance. **The same is true for the industrial athlete.** Unfortunately, many injuries on the job-site are left undiagnosed or mistreated. However, the staff at SMS is dedicated to providing the same care for the industrial athlete that we do for our professional athletes!

We believe in teamwork, and therefore, will work closely with the employee, the employer and the carrier to communicate treatment plans, progress and current status. We will develop appropriate work restrictions and light-duty assignments with a cost-effective approach and in-house treatments and functional rehabilitation.

Our professional staff will provide functional movement training to focus on specific job-related movements rather than simply isolating muscles. We will provide education to the patient to reduce the risk of further injury through the use of ergonomic training and proper body-mechanics.

### Some of SMS Workers' Compensation Services:

- Board Certified Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine Physicians
- Timely appointments, diagnosis & exams
- Prompt treatment & follow up care
- Communication (to patients, referring physicians, employers, case managers, carrier)

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