

Dear Doctor:

You have applied for professional liability coverage to include the performance of spinal surgery and/or total joint replacement procedures. MIEC's underwriting screening rules require applicants to answer several additional questions for review by the Underwriting Committee:

- (1) Please list which specific spinal surgery and total joint replacement procedures you will perform. How many of each procedure do you expect to perform during the next 12 months? At what hospitals will you perform these procedures?
- (2) Please indicate the extent of your formal residency or fellowship training in these procedures, including any specific additional training you have taken since the completion of your residency or fellowship in the areas of spinal surgery and/or total joint replacement procedures.
- (3) Are you currently enrolled in a program of continuing medical education? How many hours have you accumulated in Category I during the last 12 months?
- (4) How many of each specific spinal surgical procedure and total joint replacement procedure have you performed in each of the last 3 years?
- (5) If you have been involved in any malpractice claims or suits resulting from these procedures, please provide full details including the facts surrounding each case and its current status or settlement, if any.
- (6) Have your hospital privileges as respects the performance of spinal surgery or total joint replacement procedures ever been reduced, proctored, suspended, restricted or modified? If so, please provide full details, including the names of hospitals and the dates this occurred.
- (7) Do you plan to use chymopapain (chemonucleolysis) in your practice? If so, submit a copy of your written protocol for the selection of patients for these procedures and the precautions to be taken. Will you be doing these procedures in hospitals only?

Please attach your replies to these additional questions to your professional liability insurance application.