

Underwriting Corner

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Extra! Extra! See All About It

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Optimum Life Reinsurance is proud to announce our newest breast cancer update:

- Cutting edge mortality in line with AJCC 8th edition staging
- Easy to follow with targeted ratings based on multiple risk factors
- Educational for underwriters of all levels

Meet our new team members



Todd York

- Todd has 20 years of underwriting experience with direct carriers and brokerage
- Fun fact: Ask him about his Harley and time as a deputy sheriff in Georgia



Wanda Hicks

- Wanda has 30+ years of experience in all facets of the underwriting process from large case production of substandard business, management, and research and development
- Fun Fact: Ask her about Alabama football



Coming soon to a conference near you

Anastasia Jaegerman, Chief Underwriter

TWUC, Oct. 2022 in Grapevine, TX – presenting on *Critical Illness*

ALU Webinar, Oct. 2022 virtual – presenting on *Marijuana and drugs of abuse*

Dr. Minas Joannides, Chief Medical Director

ORIC Webinar, Sept. 2022 virtual – presenting on *Understanding Juvenile Underwriting*



Other conferences we're attending

MUC, Sept. 2022: Dave Barrett and Lisa Burger

Insuretech, Sept. 2022: Dave Barrett

TWUC, Oct. 2022: Jill Thompson, Anastasia Jaegerman, Kevin Cheng, Todd York

Optimum Life Reinsurance's Fall 2022 Seminar live and in-person

Plan on attending the **Optimum Re Underwriting Seminar** in Dallas on November 6-8, 2022

You may register by clicking [here](#).

Topics include:

- *Prognostic Factors Following Acute Coronary Events* – Charlotte A. Lee, M.D., P.A., Medical Consultant
- *Underwriting Hepatitis B* – Prajakt Mahajan, M.D., Medical Director at Principal
- *Chronic Inflammation and Underwriting - the First under the Skin* – Daniel Zamarripa, M.D., Chief Medical Director at AIG
- *The EHR Landscape* – by Georgetta Bolleter, Director- Account Management & Sales and Carolyn McAvinn, Director- Underwriting Innovation from MIB
- *Optimum Re's New Approach to Underwriting Breast Cancer* – Minas Joannides, M.D. Chief Medical Director at Optimum Life Reinsurance
- *HIV Update* – Anastasia Jaegerman, VP & Chief Underwriter and Jill Thompson, Underwriting Director at Optimum Life Reinsurance

R&D Highlights and Education

Optimum Manual Updates

- Updates to sections including *Breast Cancer video*, *Driving* and *Hepatitis C*
- New sections including *White Matter Ischemic Changes* and *Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor (GIST)*
- Many more updates... see [Optimum manual](#) for all changes.



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