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Changed diagnosis

For compensation to be payable, you must find if liability for a claim relating to an 'injury' exists under section 14(1) of the SRC Act.

Once liability for a claimed condition has been accepted, the compensable condition can evolve, change, or vary over the life of the claim. The circumstances in which a change in diagnosis is required may be made at different stages in the life of the claim.

You may receive a notification where the diagnosis provided has changed from the condition for which liability was originally determined by Comcare. When this occurs, you are responsible for assessing the newly reported condition and establishing whether the new condition is the same, or different, from the compensable condition.

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- new claim
- continuation of an employee's compensable condition against the existing claim, or
- neither.

This section will discuss changed diagnoses and newly reported conditions.