

PI E-MAIL & FAX ALERT

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We Get Questions

FROM DR. TIM OF LAGUNA HILLS

Q---A local attorney told me it is “illegal” to send us a copy of the police report. I think he is hiding something.

A---Sadly too many attorneys do not treat hard working doctors with respect. The notion that it is illegal to send a police report is silly. Otherwise, PI cases would grind to a halt. As soon as any attorney says this--- time to move your patient to a new lawyer.

FROM DR. EUGENE OF TORRANCE

Q---Are Spinal Decompression machines covered in PI?



A---Not yet. It's a relatively new device. Medicare does not yet provided a CPT code. There is a temporary code, which is a signal to the med pay carrier to deny this service. In most MED PAY contracts experimental devices are not covered.

Monthly PI Teleconference:

Wednesday, August 25 @ 1:00 PM Sharp!

Disabilities in PI

Increase the value for many PI cases from 10% to 30% - Find out how?

**Featuring Craig Morris, DC
Expert on measuring disabilities in PI**

E-mail johntawlian@shawnsteel.com for telephone # and pass code.

Watch out for Tough Slip and Fall cases

Patricia Faux sued Ralph’s janitorial service because she tripped on the front entry mat. When she tripped she landed on her hands and knees. She claimed injuries to her shoulder, left foot, knees and back.

Patricia claimed the *janitorial service* created a “dangerous condition”. Ralph’s “lost” their surveillance camera footage.

Patricia had three surgeries and long-term chiropractic care.

Defendant claimed that Patricia had a long history of prior back complaints, that the surgeries were not reasonable or necessary and that she “knew” about the mat hazard. She asked the jury for \$800,000.

Trial was 15 days and the jury was out for 7 hours. Six experts testified. The jury found for the defendant.

Faux v. Pacific Maintenance Services, Ventura Superior Court, May 28, 2010 56-2008-00314473. Judge David Worley

New traffic law. Welcome the “Move Over” Law



Next time you see a police car with lights on pulled over to the right giving someone a ticket---get out of the way.

If you don’t move to your left or slow down you could get a ticket. This law was amended this year to include Cal-Trans vehicles with their lights on. The reasons are obvious. But next time, you see the lights move over.