

PI E-MAIL & FAX ALERT

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Pain Intensity Scale by Lewkovich Objectifying Pain

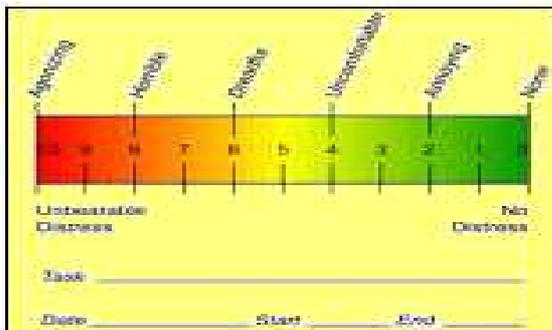
Every PI cases requires a pain scale [0 -10] to measure the extent of the patient's pain and to measure the effectiveness of the DC's therapy.

The key is to clearly communicate the patient's pain to others. Using verbal descriptors such as "minimal", "slight", "moderate", or "dull" is old school. Greater specificity is needed.

Dr. Lewkovich designed an instructional Pain Chart so the patient clearly understands the difference between a 5/10 and a 9/10.

Feel free to enlarge the form for your front office to help educate your patients.

For a copy of the Lewkovich Pain Scale Explanation, simply email John Tawlian at johntawlian@shawnsteel.com



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Big verdict in the San Fernando Valley: Congrats Marina Zanazanian DC

37 year old Osmin Calderon, a quality control inspector, was stopped when his car was rear-ended by a delivery truck.

Calderon claimed herniated discs at L4-L5 and L5-S1. Three epidural injections. Lost one year of work. Then a microdiscectomy. All along with chiropractic care.

Def agreed they were liable, but blamed a side swipe accident one month earlier; + treating with the same DC, was at least 50% responsible.

The DC did an excellent job convincing the jury that the first accident was trivial compared to the second. In the first accident pain levels were much lower and Calderon did not lose work time.

This accident prevented Calderon from standing more than 10 minutes. He could no longer play soccer, swim or go to the gym.

The judge awarded \$29,062 in interest against defendant for not settling earlier. Calderon also received \$12,000 reimbursement for expert costs

Judgment \$387,488.

Calderon vs. PRL Glass System, LA Superior Court, Chatsworth PC 043 243 3/28/10

