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Don't Do This: DELAYED CARE

Verdict = \$785.00

Medical Bills = \$8000.00

After Ms. De Almeida was struck in a violent auto accident she waited 50 days to see a DC after she went to the E Room.

Defendant was happy to admit liability but vigorously disputed she was injured.

Despite the best efforts of Dr. R from Atascadero, the jury did not believe De Almeida was entitled to anything more than her E Room bills.

PRACTICE TIP

If there is a delay in care, it is very difficult to prove to a jury that a direct and immediate injury occurred. Most reasonable people get care right after trauma. It is almost impossible to prove serious injury after 50 days delay. DeAlmeida vs. Maldonado NC040971 LA Superior 3/9/05

DO THIS INSTEAD

Verdict = \$48,000.00

Medicals = \$13,400.00

47 year old teacher Victoria Mesa suffered a "disk translation" confirming a 5 mm at C5/6. The Defendant tried to convince jury her condition was 'preexisting' (very powerful argument). Defendant even offered \$25,000 before trial.

PRACTICE TIP

Dr. Brian Irvine, DC wisely enlisted the expertise of Michael Sladich MD,

radiologist vs. an orthopedist and neuroradiologist. Mesa vs. Adams [St Farm] LA Superior VC 040137 10/19/04

GAO FAULTS SUV'S SAFETY

In a special report for Congress, the federal Government Accounting Office (GAO) questioned the reliability that consumers depend on when assessing vehicle crash safety. These findings were contrary to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

GAO charged that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration crash test program has not been sufficiently updated as vehicle designs have changed.

Specifically, the study cited that SUVs and other light trucks are more prone to rollover and can cause more damage than traditional vehicles. GAO recommended using different size dummies rather than average-sized males. We need to get the NHTSC ratings to consumers faster. Unless changes are made, there is little "incentive" for manufacturers to improve vehicle safety.

Wall Street Journal April 28, 2005

SHAWN IS SPEAKING AT CCA-SACRAMENTO DISTRICT

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Marriott Hotel, Rancho Cordova

RSVP to Dr. Wheeler (916) 483-2359

This program is approved for 2 hours of CE Credits by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners