



# PI Email Alert

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## Upcoming Events

Scroll down to see what's happening or click [here](#).

## Doctor's Resources

Check out the [additional resources](#) we have for our doctors and past issues of our PI Email Alerts.

## Missed Last Month's Teleconference?

## Lewkovich Asks: What is the More Effective Way of Documenting Functional Improvement of PI Patient?

If your patient is not improving after a reasonable period, something is wrong. And your ability to get paid is threatened.

Lewkovich reminds us that PI cases require proof of subjective, clinical and functional improvement to justify continuing care.

Quantifying improvement is key. Lewkovich offers one of his ingenious forms. This form called Evidence of

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Functional Improvement tracks the patients progress. This is rock solid proof to justify *continuing* care.

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## San Diego Car Accident - Allstate Denies Injury



Michael a trade show manager was broadsided on Front Street in downtown San Diego, by a car insured by Allstate.

Allstate did not dispute liability. Instead it argued that chiropractic care mostly treated his pre-existing conditions. Michael did not go to the emergency room and

hoped the pain would subside. Later he saw his primary care MD, then to his chiropractor.

The DC managed the case by referring Michael for MRI's and orthopedic evaluation. The MRI revealed cervical and lumbar bulges.

Michael asked for \$31,000 to settle. Allstate countered with only \$9000. The San Diego jury awarded Michael \$66,525.

Allstate also must pay for Michael's expert fees and court costs because Michael received more than he was willing to settle.

*Michael Lopresti vs. O'Grady 37-2016-00008520; San Diego Superior Court.*

**PRACTICE TIPS**

- Most people over 50 have disc bulges.
- MRI's are appropriate if the patient is in pain.
- Most bulges are aggravated with a severe MVA.
- If both the DC and MD agree that discs were aggravated---you have solid proof.

### NEW Shawn Steel PI Survey:

*% of Recovery from Moderate to Severe MVAs*

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## Blood Test May Help Diagnose Concussions



The test is not widely available, as more research is required. The test looks for a biomarker called *glial fibrillary acidic protein* [GFAP], which is released into the bloodstream with the brain in injured. Researchers claim the test detected mild to moderate concussion up to 97% accuracy.

Some 250,000 children are treated in hospitals each year for concessions from playing sports. Nearly 700 each day. Children are admitted with symptoms such as vomiting, loss of balance, blurred vision or headaches.

## **FREE Monthly PI Teleconference**

**Wednesday, March 27 @ 1:00 PM Sharp!**

**NEW: State of the art TBI care**

Our special guest: **Mohsin Shah,  
Neuro Surgeon**

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## **SHAWN IS SPEAKING & You're Invited!**



### **CAL CHIRO Districts**

San Bernardino  
(2 hrs. Mandated CE)  
Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Long Beach  
(2 hrs. Mandated CE)

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 **LUNCH**

San Fernando Valley  
(2 hrs. Mandated CE)

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 **DINNER**

**All doctors are welcome to join us**

For questions e-mail: [johnhawlian@shawnsteel.com](mailto:johnhawlian@shawnsteel.com)

**H J Ross Insurance Seminars**

Pasadena, 03/09/2019

Anaheim, 04/27/19

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