PI E-MAIL & FAX ALERT
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We Get Questions

Q: How do you prevent an attorney from taking my med pay checks?
A: Tracing your med pay is crucial. Sometimes the carriers just don't know which Assignment to honor.

- **Follow up. Make sure the carrier knows you are the *primary* beneficiary.**
- **If conflict between you and the attorney, contact your patient and have them sign a note you prepare, telling the carrier to pay only you.**
- **Or, begin collections on your patient.**

Q: The PI Attorney told me to do a narrative report but he was not going to pay for it.
A: You never have to work for free. However, avoid billing under 99080. That is a red flag. Neither carriers nor attorneys will pay. Instead, do a final exam under 99214, charge a fair fee. Of course, charge only for your actual dictation cost under 99080.

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In the US, PI accidents kill two people and injure 330 others every 10 minutes.

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USAA cheating its own. Bad Faith

In 1929 several retired military officers created insurance only for military personnel. A private insurance carrier to protect our military volunteers.

Some 79 years later USAA will have to pay an Iraqi based marine some 3.5 million for cheating him on his homeowner's insurance policy.

Captain John Colombero's pipe ruptured causing some $84,000 damage to his home. USAA delayed and denied. As one attorney stated "When juries get angry, they start adding zeros to the award."
Colombero vs. USAA GIN 058247, San Diego Sup Ct, April 1, 2008

Targeting bad med pay carriers

We want to know your experience with med pay carriers. We discussed last February 5th three ongoing class actions filed against 3 med pay carriers for denial of benefits to patients of chiropractors.

We would like you to tell us who are the worst 3 med pay carriers and why.

Please email us back at johntawlian@shawnsteel.com.

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Lawsuits For Incurable Illness by Imaging Dye

Quite rare but fatal is a new man made disease far less than 1% of patients can get from imaging dye. The disease is called nephrogenic systemic fibrosis. The person's skin hardens to a rocklike texture. It can crack bones and burst vital organs.

We believe that most imaging tests are crucial to major trauma PI cases. But make sure that the imaging clinic is not using gadolinium-based dyes. Or, make sure your patient is screened for kidney problems before the injection.

General Electric is the primary defendant for failing to warn patients with kidney problems. Gadolinium is a toxic metal used to create dynamic and easy to read scans. LADJ April 2008.

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Next Teleconference
How to get paid? Slip and falls, multiple cars, bicycle and motorcycle cases.

Wednesday, 30th @ 1:00 pm
E-mail johntawlian@shawnsteel.com for telephone # and pass code.