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It's only a Soft Tissue Injury!

Insurance has demonized "soft tissue" as a low level unimportant injury mechanism.

Dr. Lewkovich challenges the myth between soft tissue vs. hard tissue.



Soft Tissue Injuries

- Abrasions and burns
 - Bruises and hematomas
 - Lacerations and deep scars
 - Sprains / strains
 - Facet Syndrome
 - Vascular Trauma
 - Dislocations
 - Disc herniations
 - Nerve impingement
 - Traumatic Brain Injuries
 - Strokes
 - Spinal cord injuries
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- Healing process often very slow
 - Healing often incomplete
 - Croft tells us 45% of whiplash patients still suffer after 2 years.
 - More prone to arthritic changes.

Hard Tissue Injuries

- Fractures
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- Most fractures heal in less than 2 months
 - Fracture sites generally heal stronger.
 - Long term residuals not common.

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Happier New Year 2010

Farmers shut down in Orange County: Classic DC vs. DC

Imeldo Pruneda 39, was rear-ended in Laguna and pushed into the car ahead. Defendant admitted fault but claimed the DC bills should \$1300 and the MRI was unnecessary. Michael Millar DC testified for Farmers.

Pruneda countered that she want to her HMO for two visits, then received DC care for 3 months + an MRI and felt 95% better. She lost 3 days of work. Stephen Parham DC appeared for Pruneda.

Pruneda demanded \$8000 before trial. Def offered \$3123. The jury awarded \$10,623. *Judge Gregory Munoz, Dec 2009, Orange Co Sup Court 2008-0019937.*

Bad Hands Allstate up to its old tricks



Be on the lookout to see if Allstate is using the 1993 "Chiropractic Quality Assurance" [aka Mercy Guidelines] to limit care to 4 to 8 weeks of care.

Using 17 year old guidelines is problematic. But its authors never intended to set care guidelines for any TRAUMA cases.

Allstate's citation of Mercy is misleading, inadmissible in court and deceptive. If you are experiencing this send information to: johntawlian@shawnsteel.com