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**June PI Tele-conference is on  
Wed June 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm**

**TWO THEMES**

- Status of efforts to abolish the Chiropractic Act of 1922
- How to handle your next M.I.S.T case.

Email [JohnTawlian@shawnsteel.com](mailto:JohnTawlian@shawnsteel.com) to get the telephone number and pass-code to join our 30 minute only tele-conference.

We want you to e-mail your questions in advance. And be sure to call in and ask Shawn your question personally.

**We get questions**

Dr. Glenda asked what med pay rights do I get when I have a "signed lien"?

None.

The lien simply protects your money when the case is settled with Defendant.

To protect med pay we suggest:

1. Bill the med pay from your first visit. This helps confirm mp is good
2. Also, bill your patient each month to show what your are charging, and how much your med pay is paying.

If it looks like the attorney is trying to "steal" your med pay bring in the patient for reality counseling: to get a new attorney.

**Tough case but good lesson.**

Orlando Sandoval, age 18 was driving his dad's pick-up truck when he was rear ended by a Toyota Sienna van.

Defendant admitted fault, but he disputed CAUSATION. Claiming that Orlando was not hurt. Because the accident was too minor.

Orlando claimed he struck his head against the rear window panel of his truck. He went to Kaiser the next day. Kaiser noted he had full range of motion and his head was "atraumatic".

The jury awarded \$1,257 for Orlando. He submitted \$3,830 in medical bills. He saw his chiropractor some 31 days after his Kaiser appointment.

Sandoval v. Osburn No GIC 841 632 San Diego Sup Ct Judge Joan M. Lewis.

**Practice Tips**

1. Gap in care is huge for juries;
2. Orlando was only 18 years old hard to prove serious injuries;
3. Kaiser sabotaged case, get those records early.
4. Get pictures of the car to be sure impact was significant.

**See Shawnsteel.com for past issues.**