

## PI E-MAIL & FAX ALERT

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### Ideas of how to explain GAP IN CARE syndrome

It's tough trying to justify why your patient takes many days to see you right after a major collision. Normally, anybody hurt will get medical/chiropractic attention right a way.

Everyone knows that. Particularly suspicious jurors. But you've got a badly injured patient who waits a week before seeking care.

Here are a few ideas by my favorite PI strategist Gary Lewkovich DC: document,

#### Treatment by others?

- Emergency room
- Urgent walk-in care
- Medical doctor
- Massage
- Others: specify

#### Self Treatment?

- Heat
- Cold
- Rest
- Brace
- Over the counter RX
- Slept in different positions.

For Dr. Gary's complete check list email [JohnTawlian@shawnsteel.com](mailto:JohnTawlian@shawnsteel.com) for a copy.

Keep in mind we are not miracle workers. If the patient waits more that a few days the problem of proof of damages expands geometrically.

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#### Next Teleconference

"Saving the gap in care syndrome"

Wednesday, May 28 @ 1:00 pm

E-mail [johntawlian@shawnsteel.com](mailto:johntawlian@shawnsteel.com) for telephone # and pass code.

### Wawanesa big hit at \$538,564: Congratulations Dr. Timberlake

Armando Corral a 45 year old carpenter was struck by a driver who ran a stop sign, forcing Corral's truck to roll over.

Corral was seen by Dr. Julie Timberlake, DC and currently still receives occasional care from her. She diagnosed a disc protrusion at C3-4, an annular tear in his lumbar disc and a posterior lumbar disc bulge at L5-S1.

Dr. Timberlake referred Corral to a specialist in physical medicine, Dr. Rao MD.

Corral's attorneys demanded policy limits of \$100,000. Wawanesa refused and offered only \$75,000.

The jury in two short hours awarded Corral \$ 538,564. Wawanesa will certainly have to pay beyond their policy limits due to their bad faith behavior, plus all attorney costs and expert witness costs.

Corral vs. Geronimo O6EG 03073, Fresno Superior Court , Dec 20, 2007

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### Let's Help Steve Barkalow, DC for Assembly

Chiropractors suffer when they don't have one of their own in the Legislature. Since Dr. Marty Gallegos was 'termed-out', he lost his seat and the chairmanship of the Assembly Health Committee.

Dr. Barkalow of Monterey and active in the CCA, needs a full out united chiropractic help. In a word, your check, to get him through a tough primary. Once he wins, he will be in office for at least 6 years.

Please make checks out to Barkalow for Assembly (FPPC ID#1301586) and mail them to Denise Martin, 9130 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City, CA 91780. For questions call Denise at (626) 286-8200