

PI E-MAIL & FAX ALERT

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Factors that compound your patient's recovery – Prognosis

Factors associated with poor recovery are:

1. Struck from rear
2. Multiple vehicle impacts
3. P in the smaller vehicle
4. P is a female
5. P is over 50 years old
6. Significant vehicle damage
7. Loss of consciousness
8. Early radicular symptoms
9. Over one week of not working
10. Pre-existing arthritic changes

For the form of some 33 factors updated by expert Gary Lewkovich DC, ask johntawlian@shawnsteel.com for a copy.

FACTS ABOUT CHRONIC PAIN

[From Wall Street Journal May 11, 2010]



- A. Some 76.5 million [26% of adults] Americans suffer from chronic pain—more than diabetes, heart disease and cancer combined.
- B. Chronic pain is defined lasting more than 6 months.
- C. People over 65 are the least likely to report chronic pain, while those aged 45 to 64 are most likely.
- D. More women than men, more whites than blacks.
- E. Low-back pain is most common. Then headaches, migraines and neck pain.
- F. Chronic pain costs \$100 billion a year for care, lost income and reduced productivity.

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Your PI Liens Work—Proof

This received from Dr. Ken of Orange.

(Letter from unhappy attorney to his client March 30, 2010)

“Since Dr. ___ refuses to reduce his bill, at your request I am sending a proposed Statement of Accounting that sets forth all disbursement from the settlement.

While I continue to believe that Dr. ___ is being unreasonable, since you and I signed his Lien form. I am legally obligated to pay him the amount that he is demanding. Otherwise, he could sue both of us, and report me to the State Bar of California.”

ICD-9 CODE OF THE WEEK

Q: At your last telephone conference you discussed **ligament laxity**. What diagnosis and code best describe that injury other than a sprain?

A: Sprain/strain 847.00 should still be used if such is the case. Further requirement is needed for more serious findings. See 728.4 for Ligament Laxity.

**Shawn's Free Monthly Teleconference
Wednesday, May 26 @ 1:00 pm**

“Key Biomechanics Tips with PI”

**With special guest
PI & Recon Expert Dr. Lawrence
Nordhoff, DC, Q.M.E, A.C.T.A.R.**

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