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The Easy Clean PI Report : Step 2

2. Itemizing Initial Complaints

Reports become valuable to settle cases IF the injuries are clearly stated and easy to read.

We don't like the phrase "medical narratives" for several reasons. It's misleading to imply that the doctor is going to write lovely narrations. Instead, busy attorneys and adjusters just want the facts.

Start with head and neck injuries and work down.

Initial complaints are those symptoms felt by the patient in the first 24 hours.

For example, if auto accident

- Immediate onset of throbbing headache 7/10
- Pain right side of neck 6/10
- Right shoulder pain 7/10
- Shock and anxiety
- Heart palpitations
- Sleepless night
- Bruised ribs 8/10
- Difficulty breathing
- Low back pain 5/10
- Unsteady gait

Adding pain scales help objectify the injury and sets a standard for measuring the patient's improvements. Judges really like pain scales.

With thorough itemization your treatment will be further justified. Chances are you will get paid.

Call or email John Tawlian for a copy of the ideal "Itemizing Initial Complaints"

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Riverside Court: Defense wins claiming injuries NOT related to accident.

Micaela Long while driving in Murrieta was hit by Rowena Hilton, who admittedly made an unsafe left turn.

Both sides brought in numerous expert doctor witnesses. The defense used two orthopedic surgeons plus well known defense oriented neuro-radiologist Stanley Rothman.

The plaintiff had the treating chiropractor along with a local orthopedist to testify.

Defense contended that plaintiff's injuries were not a result of the accident and that her medical treatment was unreasonable and not necessary.

The jury gave a zero award to Micaela Long. Much worse than that, the court awarded expert costs to the defense.

The court awarded \$25,039 in out of pocket expenses paid by defense. Unless Ms. Long reimburses she could face a lawsuit herself.

[Long v Hilton](#) Riverside Superior Court, case no TEC 054 258, July 15, 2006.

PRACTICE TIPS

A new defense tactic is to demand from the losing plaintiff full expert costs reimbursement.

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