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Lewkovich blasts insurance carriers.

PI expert Gary Lewkovich, DC our guest on the monthly PI Teleconference revealed previews about his forthcoming book—tentatively entitled “The biggest insurance headaches in personal injury cases” **For a summary copy e-mail:** johnshawlian@shawnsteel.com



Dr. L concentrated on 6 areas:

- ❖ GAP in care syndrome
- ❖ Excessive Charges
- ❖ Medical Necessity
- ❖ Excessive Treatment Duration
- ❖ Independent/Insurance Exams
- ❖ Minimal Auto Damage: MIST

You can hear the broadcast by going to our website, then enter Dr Resources. You can see all broadcasts under Teleconferences on the right side.

Given our short 30 minute format, Dr. L could only cover the first two points. A very brief summarization:

- ✓ Gaps can easily destroy the whole case
 - Explain completely why delay
 - Was delay “understandable”
 - Or did P go on vacation?
 - Use heat, ice or massage?
 - Took MD advice to take RX?
- ✓ Excessive Charges:
 - Always keep your med pay payments—proving reasonable.
 - This is called EOR or EOB’s Explanation of Reimbursement/Benefits.
 - If other carriers are paying you why isn’t this one?

Mercury Takes a Hit: Congrats to Dr. Ted Pena, Orange.

James La Fon, 28 years old made a complete stop when a pickup truck rear-ended La Fon’s pickup truck.

Defendant admitted fault, but argued the accident did not cause the injuries La Fon claimed.

La Fon gave evidence that he suffered low back injuries with sciatica requiring chiropractic care.

Total medical bills for La Fon were \$8,915. Including DC care plus orthopedic and a GP consultations.

Notorious Milton Legome MD, orthopedics, [see June 30th PI Email Alert] was hired by Mercury. Mercury offered to pay the medical bills at \$8500.

The jury awarded plaintiff \$27,415.

James La Fon vs. Moore. Riverside Superior Court RIC 464 797, July 15, 2009. Judge William Burby, Jr.

Practice Tip: Working with pro chiropractic MD consultants supports chiropractic care in court.

Shawn Steel speaking at CCA-Districts

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Los Angeles Metro & Santa Monica

10/21/09 @ 7:00 PM

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This year’s topic:

Answering Tough Questions in Depositions, Mediations & Trials

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