

**PI E-MAIL & FAX ALERT**

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**FLARE UP—How to Prove Them**

Many patients in moderate to major collisions experience relapses. This is common but generally ignored by treating docs. Many PI bills are scrutinized by a peer who works for the insurance company. If they detect a dramatic increase in care, mid way, that is considered a **red flag**.

Your bill will be questioned. In deposition you will be asked why the sudden increase in visits. If your notes are meager, your bill will be cut. A defense attorney will ask you:

- What caused the flare up?
- Any work restrictions?
- What were subjective/objective findings?
- Any loss of range of motion?
- Any positive orthopedic findings?

Unless you are prepared you will what Dr. Lewkovich calls these questions : “Game Over”

Of course, Dr. Lewkovich has the form to cover ANYTIME your patient has a relapse. For a copy e-mail: [Johntawlian@shawnsteel.com](mailto:Johntawlian@shawnsteel.com)

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San Diego & LA are named among worst top ten cities to drive [over 1 million residents].

- San Diego 13..0% more likely than nationwide
- And 8.8 years between accidents
- Los Angeles 46.6 % more likely
- And 6.8 years between accidents.

**San Francisco—DC vs. DC**

**Lima vs. Wu**

When defendant Wu pulled out from a parking space he sideswiped Lima’s car. Lima sought only DC care. Lima claimed his knee was bruised.

Insurance refused to pay. Lima had \$4820 in DC bills and \$3092 in car damage.

The Jury came back with an award of \$16,820, almost 3.5 the medical bills. Congratulations to Dr. Erik Lapier DC [Burlingame] for defending his patient in court against insurance co Dr. Susan Bromley DC [Union City].

*San Francisco Superior Court CGC 064 50832, Judge Katherine Feinstein. [Daughter of Senator Diane Feinstein].*

**Practice Tip: When you are well prepared and understand unusual biomechanical injuries you will prevail.**

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**Shawn Steel speaking at CCA-Districts**  
You & Staff welcome  
San Bernardino 09/15/09 @ 7:00 PM  
LA Southwest 09/22/09 @ 12:00 PM

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Mark your calendar now.  
**Wednesday September 30 @ 1:00 pm**  
**Monthly Teleconference**

**CHIROS’ BIGGEST INSURANCE HEADACHES**  
With our our Special guest  
Gary Lewkovich, DC