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Newsletter

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This Month's Question:

[Can a Medical Summary Report Also Refute the Question of a Preexisting Condition?](#)

Hawaii Medical Evaluators Answer:

We recently had a case of a 43-year-old woman who was broadsided in an auto crash in which the offending vehicle hit the front drivers side panel causing the client's car to be totaled. During the accident the woman was struck with enough force that despite being properly restrained, she hit the steering wheel with her forehead.

The client had the immediate onset of severely painful recurring frontal headaches radiating posteriorly. The headaches were accompanied by photophobia (sensitivity to light) and nausea. Since the accident the client continued to get severe headaches 2-3 times per week. She describes the pain as starting in her forehead and radiating to her temples bilaterally. On a pain rating scale with 0 being no pain and 10 being pain severe enough to lose consciousness the client stated these headaches rate a 7-8/10.

After reviewing the medical records and interviewing the client via Zoom it was our opinion the headaches were post-concussive and the result of a concussion the client sustained as a direct result of her blow to the head in the auto crash.

It should be noted that the client had a history of headaches that accompany the onset of her menstrual period. She stated these headaches started in her twenties and always correlated with the onset of her period. She describes these headaches as lasting 2-3 hours and rates the pain as 1/10. She describes these headaches as being diffuse headache pain without associated symptoms such as dizziness, nausea or photophobia. The client reported that there is a very different set of symptoms and quality of pain with the headaches starting after hitting her head in the auto crash.

It was also our opinion to a reasonable degree of medical probability that the headaches the client has experienced since the auto crash are different in cause, form, nature, symptoms and degree of loss of function than the menstrual headaches she has experienced in the past and it was our further opinion the client's current headaches are not due to a pre-existing headache problem.

This situation is another example of how we can assist you with all the medical issues in your cases such as addressing questions regarding possible pre-existing conditions.

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Let Us Know How We Can Help You

- Medical Summary Reports for Settlement Letters
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- Reports Answering Specific Medical Questions
- Standard of Care Reviews
- Liaison with Treating Doctors
- Help with Strategies to Promote Medical Theories
- Interpretation of Meaning, or lack thereof, of Medical Reports & Records
- Independent Record Reviews
- Assessment of Case Validity Regarding Medical Issues
- Referral to Expert Medical Witnesses
- Medical Research
- Facilitation of Communication with Clients, Families, Professionals and Service & Governmental Agencies
- Case Coordination
- Deposition & Trial Question Preparation
- Table-side Deposition & Trial Assistance

As you know, **we have purposefully kept our fees exceptionally low** allowing you the opportunity to have us review your cases early in your representation while controlling your expenses.

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