
Hawaii Medical Evaluators

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Newsletter

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This Month's Question:

Can a Medical/Legal Consultant Provide Causation Opinion Letters?

Hawaii Medical Evaluators Services Answer:

We recently had a case of a 29-year-old man who suffered substantial work-related cervical injuries due to a Cumulative Trauma Disorder. We were asked to address the question of possible on-the-job repetitive movement leading to the client sustaining ruptured cervical discs and associated symptoms with functional loss.

The client worked as an administrative assistant for two years for his company before being given the job of removing the file boxes.

The client was eventually given the job of removing heavy boxes filled with files from filing shelves. There were several shelves filled with heavy boxes of files. Many of the file boxes were above the client's head and he removed the boxes by first balancing a box on his head and then getting the box down on a table. From there the client put each box on the floor before moving the boxes with the use of a dolly to another area of the office for shredding and disposal. It took the client several days to remove all the boxes.

Almost immediately after the client finished moving the boxes the client began to experience neck pain with radiation to both arms with associated numbness, tingling and weakness in his thumbs, first and index fingers bilaterally.

Subsequent cervical MRI showed C5-6 and C6-7 disc herniations. The client eventually needed a surgical intervention after conservative treatment was unsuccessful.

It was our opinion that the long hours the client spent typing in addition to the poor ergonomics of his workstation contributed to him being pre-disposed to a cervical injury

sustained after lifting heavy boxes for several days. We were able to back up our opinions with evidence from the medical literature.

This situation is another example of how we can assist you with all the medical issues in your cases. Please reply to this email or call 808-437-2881 to schedule a time to talk.

Let Us Know How We Can Help You

- Medical Summary Reports for Settlement Letters
- IME Observation & IME Rebuttal Reports
- Reports Answering Specific Medical Questions
- Causation Opinions specific to FECA/OWCP
- 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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