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This Month's Question:

Can a Medical/Legal Consultant Help in Answering Specific Medical Questions in Cases?

MD Consulting Services Answer:

We recently had a case of a 41-year-old woman who's vehicle was hit head on in an auto crash. The client hit her forehead on the steering wheel before the airbag deployed. The client continues to experience severe frontal headaches 2-3 times per week. She describes severe sharp pain 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 states these headaches rate on average as 7-8/10. Along with pain, she also describes photophobia and nausea associated with the headaches. The client reports because of the severity and frequency of these headaches her ability to carry on the tasks of everyday living have been significantly disrupted. She reports difficulty being able to maintain her work schedule and other kinds of normal life activities such as household chores, relationships and friendships, recreational activities, etc.

It was noted in her medical records by her gynecologist that the client had a documented history of migraine headaches that accompany her menstrual period. The client states these headaches started in her twenties and have 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 and reports these headaches as "mild."

Opposing counsel claimed the client had a pre-existing condition and that her current accident-related headaches should not be included as a damage in the case. Our attorney client asked the question of us if the current headache problem was accident-related or a pre-existing condition as proposed by opposing counsel. It was our opinion the headaches were a direct result of the auto crash. Specifically, that the auto crash was the immediate and proximate cause of the client developing post-concussive headaches. Ultimately, the settlement included the headaches as a medical damage in the case supported by our report.

[You can read the entire report here.](#)

If you have questions about this case send me an email.

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 303-619-0777 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
- 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
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As you know, we have purposefully kept our fees low allowing you the opportunity to have us review your cases early in your representation while controlling your expenses.

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