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Special Newsletter for  
Personal Injury  
Attorneys

**This Month's Question:**

How can our Medical Summary Report refute the question of a Pre-existing Condition?

## **GO MD Review 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 driver's 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 a videoconference, 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.

Of note, the client has a history of headaches that occur with the onset of her menstrual period. She reported that those headaches began in her twenties and consistently coincide with her period. She describes them as lasting 2-3 hours and rates the pain as a 1 out of 10. The headaches are characterized by diffuse pain and do not have associated symptoms such as dizziness, nausea, or

sensitivity to light. The defense cited the foregoing information as evidence of a pre-existing condition.

However, the client noted that the headaches she experienced after hitting her head in an auto accident are very different in terms of symptoms and quality of pain. It was our opinion, supported by the medical literature, that her prior headaches met the criteria of "menstrual migraines," which are hormonally induced and unrelated to the post-concussive headaches she suffered as a result of her automobile crash.

This situation shows how we can help you with all the medical issues in your cases, such as addressing questions about possible pre-existing conditions.

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- \* Assessment of Case Validity and Value**
- \* Determination of Future Medical Care**
- \* Assistance with Strategies to Promote Medical Theories & Causation**
- \* Medical Summary Reports for Settlement Letters**
- \* Medical Research and Delivery of Medical Journal Articles**
- \* Answering Specific Medical Questions**
- \* Interpretation of Meaning, or lack thereof, of Medical Reports & Records**
- \* Standard of Care Reviews**
- \* Deposition & Trial Question Preparation**

**\* Facilitation of Communication with Clients, Families & Professionals**

**\* IME Observation & IME Rebuttal Reports**

Best regards,

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