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Special Newsletter for

Personal Injury

Attorneys

This Month's Question:

Can a Medical/Legal Consultant Provide Causation Opinion Letters?

GO MD Review 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 at his company before being assigned the task 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 them by first balancing a box on his head and then setting it down on a table. From there, the client placed each box on the floor before moving the boxes, using 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 his being predisposed 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 520-540-7640 to arrange a time to discuss further.

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Best regards,

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