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- Tove Jansson

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Time	Topic	Speaker
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Registration & Breakfast	
8:00 AM - 8:50 AM	"Fresh Eyes on Familiar Roads: What One Year Taught Me About Utah PI Cases"	Becky Rice, DC
8:50 AM - 9:40 AM	"Rewiring Pain: A Multimodal, Neurofunctional Approach to Chronic Pain Rehabilitation"	Michael Ahuna, DPT
9:40 AM - 9:55 AM	BREAK	
9:55 AM - 10:45 AM	"Attracting PI Patients – Bonus: New Research on Serious Complications of Cervical Reverse Curve"	Jeff States, DC
10:45 AM - 11:35 AM	"The Concussion Discussion"	Wayne Croft, PhD MMS AIB-C
11:35 AM - 12:15 PM	BREAK / LUNCH	
12:15 PM - 1:05 PM	"Putting the Patient First in a Personal Injury Practice"	Joe Brimhall, DC
1:05 PM - 1:55 PM	"TBA" (Orthopedic Surgeon)	Daniel Gibbs, MD
1:55 PM - 2:05 PM	BREAK	
2:05 PM - 2:55 PM	"The Use of Flexion/Extension MRI in PI Practice"	Gary Lee, DC
2:55 PM - 3:45 PM	"The Importance of Spinal Ligament Injuries in PI Cases"	Scott Tauber, MD
3:45 PM - 4:30 PM	"Question & Answer"	Bryan & Adam Larson

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Strategies for Treating Physicians to Minimize Allegations of Patient Malingering in Personal Injury Cases

Best Practices for Ensuring Credibility and Integrity

By Joseph Brimhall DC

In the realm of personal injury cases, treating physicians play an essential role in diagnosing and documenting the injuries of their patients. However, defense medical experts and representatives frequently scrutinize these medical records and testimonies, sometimes alleging malingering — the intentional feigning or exaggeration of symptoms for secondary gain. To minimize such allegations toward the patient, treating physicians must adhere to certain practices that emphasize clinical objectivity, thorough documentation, and clear communication.

Thorough Examination and Documentation

Malingering is not a diagnosis--there is no single conclusive test to confirm malingering. The most effective way to minimize allegations of malingering is through comprehensive evaluation and meticulous documentation. Attending physicians should ensure that all clinical findings, treatment plans, medical histories, patient behaviors, and symptom reports are systematically recorded.

- **Correlate objective findings:** When indicated, clinical records should affirmatively integrate imaging studies, lab tests, and validated measurements to support examination outcomes, the patient's symptoms, and the reported cause of the injuries.
 - **Detail patient history:** Provide comprehensive documentation of the patient's explanation of their injuries and their medical history, including prior injuries, treatments, and any other relevant factors.
 - **Explore unexpected symptoms and behaviors:** Document observed behaviors accurately and impartially. Examine potential causes and explanations for atypical symptoms and clinical findings, including further questions, evaluations, specialty consultations, and laboratory tests as indicated.
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Consistent Follow-Up Evaluations

Regular follow-up examinations are crucial for tracking the progress of the patient's recovery and ensuring that the treatment plan remains appropriate. Consistent monitoring helps identify any patterns that might indicate true malingering or other underlying issues.

- **Schedule regular appointments:** Ensure that follow-up appointments and re-evaluations are scheduled at appropriate intervals to assess the patient's progress and adjust treatment as necessary.
- **Document:** Record the patient's status, compliance with treatment, and any changes in symptoms and findings.
- **Monitor treatment response:** Assess the patient's response to treatment and document any modifications made to the treatment plan.

*This article is **Part 1 of a 3-part series**. We'll share **Part 2** in next month's newsletter—stay tuned!*

Joseph Brimhall, DC is the immediate past President of the University of Western States, and a Senior Consultant with Personal Injury Training institute. He is Certified in Motor Vehicle Collision Injuries by PI ONLINE Training Institute. He is th Chief PI Consultant for Personal Injury Trainings.



PI ONLINE Trainings teaches about Malingering and Biopsychosocial issues, and how to effectively address these subjects in just minutes, in EVERY personal injury case.

Dr. Brimhall will be presenting at the **Personal Injury Powerhouse Seminar** sponsored by Larson Law on October 25th, 2025!

Dr. Jeffrey A. States, Principal and Founder of PI ONLINE Trainings. (1996)



Relaxation Day is August 15

Stress can affect your physical, mental and behavioral health, and may lead to serious health problems, according to [Mayoclinic.org](https://www.mayoclinic.org). It's more important than ever to find ways to relax.

This relaxation Day, take time to de-stress and practice self-care.

Here are a few ideas to find calm:

- Practice deep breathing and meditation
- Try journaling and reading
- Try yoga, Pilates or other low-impact exercises
- Spend time in nature
- Indulge in aromatherapy, hydrotherapy or massage therapy
- Minimize screen time and reduce caffeine intake
- Spend time with loved ones

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By: Bryan A. Larson

We've noticed an increasing number of DCs making avoidable mistakes in handling their personal injury cases. These issues can be easily corrected, so here are a few

important reminders:

1. Timely Legal Referrals

We've received many cases that were referred years after the crash—one even 3½ years later. Don't do this. As soon as treatment begins, refer the case out for legal counsel. Waiting gives the impression to insurance adjusters that the client isn't serious. Additionally, older cases are harder to investigate and may be at risk of missing the statute of limitations. Once the statute has passed, the case is over, and no settlement funds can be recovered. If we receive the case early, we can also encourage the patient to follow a consistent and appropriate treatment plan with you.

2. Know the Patient's Medical History

It's critical to understand the patient's prior injuries and any injury-producing events—both before and after the crash. This includes collisions the patient may think caused no injury. Insurance companies will always try to attribute current injuries to anything other than the subject crash. If you're unaware of the patient's previous health history, your opinion on causation may be considered uninformed or speculative.

3. Understand the Financial Picture

Be aware of available insurance funds or sources of payment. If the patient has already seen other providers—such as emergency rooms or specialists—and the available insurance limits are low, your planned course of treatment may exceed the recoverable funds. In such cases, arrangements may need to be made for the patient to pay in cash, use their health insurance, or find another payment method.

We want to ensure that your cases are paid, but we must operate within the limitations of each situation.

Finally, call us if you have questions about a case—whether or not we represent the client. We're a valuable resource for physicians across the state, and we often solve issues with a simple phone call. We will never send you a bill.



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Your referrals mean the world to us—they are the highest compliment we can receive.

If you know someone who could benefit from experienced legal support after an accident, we're here to help them get the care and compensation they deserve. Rest assured, we'll treat them with the same dedication and respect we've shown all your patients.

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