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**IME WatchDog Report**

Observation of Insurance Medical Examination

**Client Name:**

[REDACTED]

**Date of Exam:**

November 21, 2013

**Date of Accident:**

December 9, 2009

**Client's Attorney:**

[REDACTED]

**Observed By:**

David Bababekov  
(347) 832-8475

**Performed By:**

Alexios Apazidis, M.D.  
808 Allerton Avenue,  
Bronx, NY 10467

**Specialty:**

Orthopedic Surgery

**Facility:**

The facility was located in a medical office that had the sign "Kazdan Chiropractic Office."

**Facility Description:**

The office was clean and dated.

**Appointment Scheduled For:**

7:30 AM





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**Arrived at Office:**

7:15 AM

**Admitted to Exam Room:**

8:30 AM

**Intake Began:**

8:36 AM

**Exam Began:**

8:38 AM

**Length of Exam:**

2 minutes

**Exam Ended:**

8:40 AM

**Length of Total Visit:**

1 hour 25 minutes

**Others Present:**

The IME physician, the examinee, and the IME WatchDog Advocate were in the room during the examination.

**Description of IME physician:**

The IME physician was male, in his 40's, and had a professional demeanor.

**Layout of Exam Room:**

The examination room was approximately 5'x 8' and contained a chiropractic table against the wall, desk, and a wheeled stool.

**Did IME Physician Have Examinee's Medical Records?**

The IME physician had the examinee's Bill of Particulars.





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### **How Did IME Physician Take Notes?**

The IME physician took notes on preprinted form that he had inside the examinee's folder. The IME physician was observed making notations towards the end of the examination.

#### **Notes:**

- The IME physician did not ask the examinee to rate her pain on a scale from zero to ten.
- The IME physician failed to use any medical instruments when performing a sensation test on the examinee's upper and lower extremities.

#### **Intake:**

The IME WatchDog Advocate began the intake with the following statement: "Good morning, my name is David Bababekov, I am here on behalf of the examinee's attorney's office. It is my understanding that you have been provided with the examinee's medical records and a history of the events that led to her injuries. The examinee's attorney has instructed me to allow you to question her only on the nature and extent of her injuries. If you have specific questions relating to course of treatment or the accident I will request that you seek answers from the examinee's records or defense counsel."

- The IME physician reviewed the examinee's Bill of Particulars.
- The IME physician asked the examinee if she had surgery as a result of this accident. The examinee replied no.

#### **EXAM:**

- The IME physician asked the examinee to move her head up. The examinee complied. The IME physician provided force and attempted to push the



examinee's head to the right and left side. The examinee stated that she felt excruciating pain in her neck during the exercise. The IME physician did not use any instruments to measure the examinee's range of motion.

- The IME physician asked the examinee to move her head down, to the left, and to the right. The examinee complied. The IME physician did not use any instruments to measure the examinee's range of motion.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to shrug her shoulders up. The examinee complied.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to extend her arms forwards. The examinee complied. The IME physician asked the examinee to provide resistance while he attempted to push, pull, and press on the examinee's arms. The IME physician did not use any instruments to measure the examinee's range of motion.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to hold onto the chiropractic table and to raise her thighs up against the IME physician's hands. The examinee complied. The IME physician did not ask the examinee if she felt any pain or discomfort.
- The IME physician placed his hand under the examinee's right ankle and raised her extended leg. The examinee stated that she felt pain in her right knee. The IME physician repeated the exercise with the left leg. The examinee stated that she felt pain in her left knee. The IME physician did not use any instruments to measure the examinee's range of motion.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to move her toes up. The examinee complied. The IME physician asked the examinee to keep her toes up and to provide resistance against the IME physician's hands. The examinee exhibited signs of weakness



and was unable to provide resistance with her toes.

- The IME physician extended the examinee's right knee straight out. The examinee stated that she felt severe pain in her right knee. The IME physician did not use any instruments to measure the examinee's range of motion.
- The IME physician palpated the examinee's left knee. The examinee stated that she felt pain on the left side of her left knee while pressure was being applied.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to bend her left knee. The examinee displayed a visible limit to the range of motion of her left knee and stated that she felt pain in the left knee while attempting to accomplish the task. The IME physician asked the examinee to repeat the exercise with the right knee. The examinee exhibited signs of pain and discomfort and stated that she felt pain in her right knee when bending the right knee. The IME physician did not use any instruments to measure the examinee's range of motion.
- The IME physician asked the examinee if she is able to go up the stairs. The examinee stated that she has difficulty using the stairs and has to walk one step at a time.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to lay on her back. The examinee exhibited slow body movements while attempting to lay on the chiropractic table.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to bend her right knee. The examinee displayed signs of pain and had a visible limit to the range of motion of her right knee. The IME physician asked the examinee to bend her left knee. The examinee displayed a visible limit to the range of motion



of her left knee. The IME physician did not use any instruments to measure the examinee's range of motion.

- The IME physician placed his hand under the examinee's right ankle and moved her leg out to the right and left side. The examinee stated that she felt pain in her right thigh and right foot. The IME physician repeated the exercise with the left leg. The examinee stated that she felt pain throughout the exercise. The IME physician did not use any instruments to measure the examinee's range of motion.
- The IME physician moved the examinee's ankles to the right and left side. The examinee stated that both of her ankles were in pain during the exercise. The IME physician did not use any instruments to measure the examinee's range of motion.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to sit. The IME physician provided the examinee with assistance.
- The IME physician asked the examinee if she was Jewish. The examinee replied no and stated that she was Greek. The IME physician commented that when the examinee was attempting to sit up she said "Oy" which made him assume that she was Jewish.
- The IME physician performed a deep tendon reflex exam on the examinee's upper and lower extremities. The examinee stated that she felt pain in her left knee during the appliance of the reflex hammer.
- The IME physician was observed making a notation.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to stand. The examinee complied.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to stand on the tips of her toes. The examinee held onto the





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wall in order to maintain her balance while attempting to accomplish the task.

- The IME physician asked the examinee to stand on her heels. The examinee held onto the wall while attempting to accomplish the task.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to bend forwards. The examinee complied. The IME physician did not use any instruments to measure the examinee's range of motion.

EXAM END. (IME WatchDog Advocate declined to fill out the Intake forms.)

