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IME WatchDog Report

Observation of Insurance Medical Examination

Client Name:

[REDACTED]

Date of Exam:

March 3, 2015

Date of Accident:

August 10/2012

Client's Attorney:

[REDACTED]

Observed By:

[REDACTED]

Performed By:

[REDACTED]

Specialty:

Neurologist

Facility:

The exam took place at North Shore Neurological Consultants, P.C.

Facility Description:

The office was clean and bright.





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Appointment Scheduled For:

12:30 PM

Arrived at Office:

12:00 PM (Examinee) 12:05 PM (Watchdog)

Admitted to Exam Room:

12:19 PM

Intake Start:

12:20 PM

Exam Start:

12:40 PM

Exam End:

12:49 PM

Length of Exam:

9 minutes

Total Length of Visit:

49 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 seventies, and had a pleasant demeanor.

Layout of Exam Room:

The room was approximately 8'x10' with an examination table against the wall. There was a counter area, cart and chair.





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Did IME Physician Have Examinee's Medical Records:

The IME physician did have the examinee's medical records.

How did IME Physician Take Notes:

The IME physician took notes on a piece of paper at his desk. The IME physician did not take notes until the end of the exam.

Intake:

- The IME physician asked the examinee how old he was. The examinee replied that he was 50 years old.
- The IME physician asked the examinee if he was right or left handed. The examinee replied that he was right handed.
- The IME physician stated that the examinee was a bridge painter and had an accident on August 10, 2012. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME physician asked the examinee what bothered him now. The examinee replied that he had pain in his lower back. The examinee stated that he had surgery to his lower back. The examinee stated that he had numbness down his legs into his toes. The IME physician asked the examinee if the numbness was down both legs. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME physician asked the examinee if he had the pain and numbness before the fall. The examinee replied no.
- The IME physician asked the examinee what happened. The examinee replied that he fell off a scaffold. The IME physician asked the examinee how high up he was. The examinee replied that information was in his records. The IME physician flipped through the examinee's records.
- The IME physician stated that the examinee had two surgeries. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME physician asked the examinee if he smoked. The examinee replied that he smoked occasionally.
- The IME physician asked the examinee if he drank. The examinee replied no.





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- The IME physician asked the examinee if he took medication. The examinee replied yes. The IME physician asked the examinee what he took. The examinee replied that information was in his records.
- The IME physician asked the examinee if he took any medication that day. The examinee replied that he took a Percocet.
- The IME physician asked the examinee if he had any medical conditions, heart disease, or high blood pressure. The examinee replied no.
- The IME physician asked the examinee if he had a history of falls. The IME Watchdog advocate replied that the examinee did not have to answer that question.
- The IME physician asked the examinee if he had any other accidents. The IME Watchdog advocate replied that the examinee did not have to answer that question.
- The IME physician asked the examinee if he had pain before the fall. The examinee replied no.
- The IME physician stated that the examinee had two surgeries from this accident. The examinee replied yes. The IME physician stated that Dr. Houseconnect performed the surgeries. The examinee replied yes. The IME physician stated that one surgery was June 16, 2013 and the other surgery was in September of 2013. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME physician stated that the examinee had epidurals before the surgeries. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME physician stated that the examinee denied having symptoms before the accident. The IME Watchdog advocate replied that the examinee was climbing bridges.
- The IME physician asked the examinee what was the date. The examinee replied that it was the 3rd.
- The IME physician asked the examinee what month was it. The examinee replied that it was March.
- The IME physician asked the examinee what year was it. The examinee replied that it was 2015.
- The IME physician asked the examinee who was President. The examinee replied that Obama was President.



- The IME physician asked the examinee to spell table. The examinee complied.
- The IME physician asked the examinee what was 15+17. The examinee replied 32.
- The IME physician flipped through the examinee's records for 2 minutes.
- The IME physician showed the examinee into the exam room. The IME physician asked the examinee to change in to a gown. The IME physician and the IME Watchdog left so the examinee could change into a gown.
- The IME physician did not ask the examinee to rate his pain on a scale from 1-10.
- The IME physician did not ask the examinee how often he felt numbness in his legs.
- The IME physician did not ask the examinee if anything made the pain better or worse.

Exam:

- The IME physician looked into the examinee's eyes with an ophthalmoscope.
- The IME physician tapped a rip in the back of the examinee's gown.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to look to the right and to the left. The examinee complied.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to cover his right eye. The examinee complied. The IME physician asked the examinee how many fingers he had up. The examinee replied 1.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to cover his left eye. The examinee complied. The IME physician asked the examinee how many fingers he had up. The examinee replied 2.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to smile. The examinee complied.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to say "ah". The examinee complied.





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- The IME physician asked the examinee to close his eyes. The examinee complied.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to move his head to the right, to the left, backwards and forwards. The examinee complied. The IME physician used a goniometer to measure the examinee's range of motion.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to place his palms up and than down. The examinee complied.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to squeeze his fingers. The examinee complied.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to touch his nose with his left pointer and than his right pointer.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to lay down. The examinee grimaced in pain.
- The IME physician lifted the examinee's left leg. The examinee moaned in pain.
- The IME physician lifted the examinee's right leg. The examinee cried out in pain, the examinee cried out "fuck, stop".
- The IME physician bent the examinee's knees. The examinee grimaced in pain.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to push his toes up. The examinee complied. The examinee grimaced in pain.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to push his feet down. The examinee complied. The examinee grimaced in pain. The IME physician asked the examinee if he felt pain. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to push his feet outwards and inwards. The examinee complied. The examinee winced in pain.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to raise his left leg and run his heel down his right shin. The examinee complied slowly and winced in pain.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to raise his right leg and run his heel down his left shin. The examinee could not complete the task and moaned in pain.





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- The IME physician held a tuning fork to the examinee's hands. The IME physician asked the examinee if he felt the vibrations. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME physician held a tuning fork to the examinee's feet. The IME physician asked the examinee if he felt the vibrations. The examinee replied no.
- The IME physician held a tuning fork to the examinee's knees. The IME physician asked the examinee if he felt the vibrations. The examinee replied that he felt the vibrations less on his left knee.
- The IME physician poked the examinee's arms with a pin. The IME physician asked the examinee if he felt the pokes. The examinee replied yes.
- The IME physician poked the examinee's feet with the pin. The IME physician asked the examinee if he felt the pokes. The examinee replied no.
- The IME physician poked the inside of the examinee's legs with the pin. The examinee stated that he did not feel the pokes until the IME physician poked the examinee's upper thigh.
- The IME physician poked the outside of the examinee's legs with a pin. The examinee stated that he did not feel the pokes until the IME physician poked the examinee's upper thigh near his hip.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to sit. The examinee complied. The examinee groaned in pain.
- The IME physician took the examinee's blood pressure on his left arm.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to close his eyes and to tell him if he was bending his toe on his right foot. The examinee replied that he could not tell if it was being moved up or down.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to close his eyes and to tell him if he was bending his toe on his left foot. The examinee replied that he could not tell if it was being moved up or down.
- The IME physician asked the examinee if he needed the cane to walk. The examinee replied yes. The examinee





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stated that he would overstep if he did not have the cane. The IME physician asked the examinee what he meant by overstep. The examinee replied that it was like going diving and wearing flippers.

- The IME physician asked the examinee to stand. The examinee complied.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to bend forwards, backwards, to the right and to the left. The examinee displayed a visible limit to the range of motion of his back. The IME physician used a goniometer to measure the examinee's range of motion.
- The IME physician palpated the examinee's lower back. The examinee complained of pain.

Exam End

