

Special Report



**“What You Should Know If You
Have Been Involved In An
Automobile Accident”**



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Dear Friend,

Have you recently been involved in an automobile collision?

If so, did you know one of the most stressful aspects of living in modern day life is dealing with the problems that arise after an automobile collision?

Were you also aware that automobile accidents are not usually “accident”? The word accident implies an incident which results from some unavoidable circumstance. However, there is almost no example of a truly unavoidable collision. Most collisions occur because of momentary neglect as where a driver takes his/her eyes off the road, or from following too close, or going too fast.

All such collisions are avoidable if people would exercise proper control and not be careless.

Such careless people take from the victims their right to be free from injury; their right to be without pain and disability; their right to be hassle free and to left alone.

Remember!

A careless driver can strike any person at any time, robbing them of their most basic and important possession: their good health, both physical and mental.

Revealing the secrets most insurance companies don't ever want you to know, and the most common hidden injuries missed by competent doctors.

Let's go back to your accident site immediately after the collision...

Most people state they feel dazed and confused during the aftermath at the collision site. During this time, if you are conscious, you begin to realize you have been involved in an “accident”.

Our natural human instincts begin to kick into action, and the initial thought process goes something like this:

“Am I okay?”

“Are my passengers (if any) okay?”

“What's the condition of my car?”

And...

“Oh, I wonder if the other person is Okay?”

It's normal to initially think of our own well being before we think of others.

If any person involved is not suffering from an apparent life threatening injury or appears to have no broken bones or major cuts, then most often an ambulance is not called.

Here's where the problem begins... the attention immediately begins to shift towards automobile damages, and of course...

WHO IS AT FAULT?!?

For the time being, your life has not changed. All of your normal daily habits, responsibilities and leisure time have been wiped away by the complications that will be created by this "accident". The prior stresses you might have been dealing with will not compare to the hassles and inconveniences that an automobile accident victim experiences.

Later, the inevitable thought occurs anywhere from one hour to five days after the time of the accident.

"Am I really alright?"

Not only are automobile accidents an inconvenience and a hassle, you may have noticed that ever since the accident, **you have not** been feeling like your normal self. You're experiencing obvious pains and symptoms like muscle stiffness and spasm, neck pain, headaches, numbness and tingling, mid back pain, low back pain, difficulty sleeping, irritability, memory loss, fatigue, difficulty concentrating, and many other problems.

Or Worse, You May Be Injured And Feel Nothing At All!

Either way, you might find yourself at the local hospital be either self admission, or taken by the ambulance.

Let me make this perfectly clear. The emergency room technicians (doctors, nurses, aides, etc.) are trained to detect life threatening conditions and provide appropriate care as needed.

If your injuries do not fall into this category, then after the evaluation you will be sent home with pain and sleep medication, anti-inflammation medication and muscle relaxors. If you are still functioning after these "medi-cocktails", the hospital will want you to return for a follow-up.

The hospital "follow-up" has always been interesting to me. Here you have doctor specializing in acute trauma; broken bones, internal injuries, burns, severe gashes and lacerations, who already diagnosed and released you a week or two ago, wanting you to come back for another evaluation.

Now It Gets Interesting

During your initial days of taking these "medi-cocktails:" you get a call from an insurance adjuster representing the person who caused the accident. These are highly trained individuals who deal with accident claims all day long. They are calling to get information to settle this case **immediately**. They understand that you have been to the hospital and released. They also understand that **NOW** is the time to settle while you're on all those medications.

Injured people feel less injured under the influence of medications.

It is usually hospital policy **not** to give a second prescription during a follow-up visit. Their job is finished. If you complain of an injury, they will recommend you see your family doctor or general practitioner for your injury.

Welcome to the medical 'loop of crazy'!!!

The general practitioner is a competent doctor of medicine. However, this type of doctor does not specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of auto accident victims. These collisions cause underlying soft tissue injuries that victims may be unaware of, and family doctors may not be able to handle.

The loop begins when the doctor continues to prescribe all those medications. Despite the effects of the drugs, you still feel injured and simply, not the same person.

As each day goes by, and the injuries continue to be inappropriately treated, the body produces dysfunctional scar tissue at the sites of injury.

This continued incorrect healing process begins the initial step of future conditions, the most common being Post-Traumatic Osteo-Arthritis. This form of arthritis can ruin your posture (giving you a slumped or hump backed appearance). It causes the vertebrae discs in your spine to degenerate and create scar tissue formation leading to chronic stiffness and spasms.

Remember, The Purpose of Medications Is to “Numb The Pain” Not Correct The Injured Problem

Since this becomes a waste of time...

The next step for the general practitioner will be to refer you to a physical therapist. The therapist is under direct order and supervision by the doctor (the same doctor who is not specialized in this type of injury.) Since the therapy is based on the doctor's diagnosis (usually an incorrect diagnosis) this leads you through misguided protocols of treatment.

Most Doctors Are Not Trained In The Detection of These Hidden Injuries... And That's A Fact!

Four to eight weeks later, you are done with physical therapy. You are still in pain and the injury feels worse!

You don't want to go back to therapy, and you are sick and tired of taking all those medications. The sad part about this “loop of craziness” is it's not over with. At this point, the doctor is at a loss as to why you are still hurting. So you are referred out, normally to an orthopedic surgeon. The orthopedic evaluation is simple...

Surgery or No Surgery?

As a matter of fact...

Current medical research states **most** of all soft tissue injuries occurring from an auto accident **do not** require surgical intervention.

This brings us to the closure of this medical loop I call “crazy”. Since a small fraction of soft tissue injuries caused by auto accidents require the need for surgery, you will likely to be told the following...

**“There is nothing we can do... You may have to live with this
for the rest of your life.”**

This is a big mistake. Don't let this happen to you!!!

Oh, and remember the insurance claims adjuster who called you earlier, well, you can expect more calls to your house as soon as they receive your doctor's report.

The claims adjuster's interpretation of these reports is...

Your doctors are finished, and your pain will eventually go away on its own, so let's settle this case **NOW** and put this behind you.

That's A Gigantic Mistake! Why?

A lot of auto accident victims receive inappropriate care from hospitals, medical doctors, or physical therapy clinics. Then, while the underlying damages and pain is hidden or numbed with drugs, they settle their case.

Again, Don't Let This Happen To You!!!

If you do, you may experience pain, numbness, headaches, muscle stiffness, fatigue, and other problems, including arthritis, for many months ahead.

Nothing is more important than your health once you start to lose it.

So, this big question is...

How Are These Hidden Injuries Detected?

First,

When you have been in an auto accident, you need a doctor who is trained and specializes in the biomechanics of the human body. That means he or she can perform routine physical examinations with orthopedic and neurological tests, as well as special tests that assesses those hidden functional soft tissue damages. In addition, special x-rays can be taken to find out if there has been any structural damage.

As a matter of fact, most general practitioners are unaware of these specific examinations and x-ray analysis methodologies. Without proper training, a doctor can overlook many damaging injuries resulting from a condition called whiplash. Whiplash occurs when the head and neck are thrown or "snapped" back and forth very quickly at speeds as slow as 5 mph. Whiplash is the most common injury in auto accidents.

About 20 Million People In the United States Have Suffered Whiplash Damage

Are you a Whiplash Victim?

Did you know?

Your neck is jam-packed with nerves, glands, tubes, blood vessels, lymph nodes, and 48 different joints. Add to that your brain stem, spinal column, discs, muscles, tendons, ligaments, fluids, and more!

The Chances of You Becoming a Whiplash Victim In An Accident are Extremely Good.

In addition to disc and other soft tissue damage, whiplash causes spinal column misalignment and irritation, stretching or impingement to the nerves and spinal curve.

Proper evaluation and treatment by an injury specialist can make the difference between...

True Recover, Healing and Strength Vs. Lingering Pain, Sickness And Disability

My name is Dr. Robert Weatherwax. I have been treating accident patients for over 12 years now.

I have treated literally hundreds of injury victims just like you. I am well-trained in the diagnosis and treatment of auto accident patients. Our offices use the latest technology to make a proper diagnosis.

I have the friendliest staff you will ever meet. They are well-trained in handling the sometimes confusing paperwork that needs to be filled out to make sure your rights are protected and your injuries are properly documented.

If you have been in an auto accident recently, then you have important decisions to make.

Please make these very serious decisions carefully.

Q. What if my car sustained only minor damage?

A. Documented studies done by specialist Charles Carroll, MD, Paul McAte, MD and Lee Riley, MD reveal that:

“The amount of damage to the automobile bears little relation to the force applied to the cervical neck (spine) of the occupants.”

In other words, the severity of the injury to the passengers is not necessarily directly related to the damage of the vehicle. Most insurance adjusters love to convince differently. Be careful!

Q. I definitely feel injured from my accident; however, I have a history of related types of aches and pains, and records of treatment. Does this harm my case?

A. No. This is why you need to see a specialist who is familiar with this circumstance. There is always a reason why you might feel injured or differently following an accident. Our job is to identify specifically your new injury or the flare-up of an old one. Either way you are entitled to recover.

Q. Should I retain an attorney? And should I have one before or after I see Dr. Weatherwax?

A. It is always important to think of your well being as soon as possible. First priority is to get checked by a doctor and begin, if needed, the appropriate treatment. Most public assumptions regarding the use of an attorney are to “sue the pants off someone.” We recommend attorneys so your rights do not get violated. You need the protection.

Remember, the responsible party’s insurance company has many attorneys, usually very good ones. You may need all the protection you can get. This can be done before or after treatment. If necessary, we can refer you to a reputable and qualified attorney.

Q. If I need treatment for this injury, do I have to pay for it myself as the treatment is rendered?

A. No. Only in extremely rare circumstances does the patient pay for their care as it is rendered. Florida is a “no fault” state meaning that no matter who is at fault in the accident, you are still entitled to benefits under your car insurance policy.

If you have “medical pay” on your policy, your medical bills will be paid 100% up to a specific amount based on your policy limit. Our office managers can assist you in obtaining this information. Using your “Medical pay” will not raise your rates. However, if you do not have “medical pay” on your policy, then we will accept an attorney lien on the case. This allows you to get treatment and then have the bill paid when your case is settled. Again, feel free to call our office managers and they can help you with this information.

Q. Does your treatment hurt?

A. Absolutely not. We specialize in advanced care for both children and adults. Our therapies are very gentle and quite soothing. Most patients can hardly wait to get their care.

Q. Is your care safe?

A. Yes, extremely. Particularly when compared to the side effects of overly prescribed medications and/or inappropriate use of surgery.

With the information given, it is time to take action.

On the next page is a "NO BRAINER" special offer. You now have the opportunity to get evaluated by a specialist who is committed to your well-being and dedicated to quality care.

Guaranteed 100% Satisfaction!

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If you call my office by _____ you will receive, **at no cost to you**, a complementary consultation and exam to evaluate any hidden injuries that need to be documented, and if appropriate, begin a course of action to treat the injuries.

Simply let my office know that you received this special report and would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

The office is conveniently located in the West Colonial Oaks Shopping Center at 7156 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida.

To schedule your **FREE** evaluation, please call (407) 295-6552 before the date above.

Our Office Hours Are:

Monday & Wednesday: 9am-1pm / 3pm-7pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 11am-1pm / 3pm-7pm

Friday: 9am-1pm

Lunch: 1pm-3pm

P.S. – If you were not alone in the vehicle during the accident, the other person may want to be evaluated also. If there was more than one other person in the vehicle, let our office know and we will be honored to provide the same opportunity for them.