

MEDICAL REPORT

SOLICITOR'S REF	ACC/675/413
INSTRUCTIONS FROM	Smith and Smith Solicitors
CLIENT'S NAME	Janet Jones
ADDRESS	18 Cross Drive, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle
DOB	09 August 1955
DATE OF ACCIDENT	01 September 2009
DATE OF REPORT	15 April 2010
REVIEW OF NOTES	None
IDENTIFICATION	Drivers Licence
OCCUPATION	Baker

ACCIDENT

At 12.30pm on the 01 September 2009, Janet Jones was travelling from Cheadle Hulme to Manchester in a Renault Clio fitted with seatbelts and headrests. She was the driver. Without warning, whilst stopped in traffic, another vehicle impacted with the rear of her vehicle and shunted her into the car in front.

MOVEMENT OF CLIENT ON IMPACT

She suffered a forced double flexion/extension movement of her back and neck.

IMMEDIATE SYMPTOMS

She immediately felt pain to her head where she had hit her head on the steering wheel, together with neck and back pain.

CHRONOLOGICAL PROGRESSION OF PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS

She went to Moss Bank Accident and Emergency Department where she was examined. No x-rays were taken. A whiplash type injury was diagnosed and she was discharged with advice.

She had severe pain in her neck and back for 4 weeks, interfering with sleep and needing analgesics which then improved. She has had 10 courses of physiotherapy.

CHRONOLOGICAL PROGRESSION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SYMPTOMS

There have been no serious psychological symptoms as a consequence of the accident.

CURRENT SYMPTOMS AND TREATMENT

She is still having occasional backache.

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY

There is no past medical history of note. No previous history of accident. There is no history of stress disorder, depression, no history of musculoskeletal problems.

LOSS CONSEQUENTIAL TO INJURY

She had one week off work. The accident did not otherwise effect her social or domestic life.

EXAMINATION

She is a woman of normal build with a normal gait.

Examination of her upper limbs is normal.

Examination of her cervical spine shows a full range of movement actively and passively in all directions. There was no muscular tenderness.

Flexion/extension of her lumbosacral spine is full. Straight leg raising is full. There was no spinal tenderness. There were no other marks, scars or bruises and no inappropriate responses.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

As a result of a road traffic accident on the 01 September 2009, Janet Jones sustained a whiplash injury to her cervical spine and a lower back strain.

The injuries sustained are compatible with the accident. The adverse feature associated with the accident was a double impact.

As a consequence of the accident she had severe pain in her neck and back for four weeks, which then improved. She is not, as yet, asymptomatic in that she still has some intermittent low backache.

Psychologically, there has been no consequence to the accident. The accident had no affect on her work or lifestyle apart from one week off work post accident.

Examination shows that movement of her cervical spine and lumbosacral spine is full and pain-free actively and passively in all directions.

PROGNOSIS

In my opinion and on the balance of probability, a full physical recovery can be anticipated from the affects of the accident at a time within six months of the date of the accident.

I base my opinion on the facts that recovery to-date has been satisfactory and examination is normal.

In my opinion, there have been no long-term implications for acceleration of degeneration of her cervical or lumbosacral spine. I have no further recommendations to make regarding further investigations, specialist opinions or treatment.

The client is a good historian. Her injuries are consistent with the accident.

The injury will have no long-term affect on her work prospects.

REVIEW OF MEDICAL RECORDS

This report has been compiled without access to her General Practitioner notes. In my opinion and on examination her notes are not required, as the client is a good reliable historian and her injuries sustained are compatible with the accident described.

Declaration

I am a general practitioner and have been a member of the Royal College of General Practitioners since 1984. I have been in general practice since 1982.

Janet Jones was seen by me on 15 April 2010. The instruction was taken from Smith and Smith Solicitors for the purpose of the preparation of this medico-legal opinion with regard to an accident on 01 September 2009.

The opinion was prepared with the benefit of a clinical interview and clinical examination.

I understand my duty is to the Court and this opinion has been compiled with the Duty Rule 35,10(2). I understand the Expert's duty is to help the Court on matters within my expertise.

I confirm that I have made clear which facts and matters referred to in this report are within my own knowledge and which are not. Those that are within my own knowledge I confirm to be true. The opinions I have expressed represent my true and complete professional opinions on the matters to which they refer.

I understand that my duty as expert witness is to the Court. I have complied with that duty. This report includes all matters relevant to the issues on which my expert evidence is given. I have given details in this report of any matters which might affect the validity of this report.