



akron bar  
association®

# **Attorney - Physician Interactions During the Life of a Claim**

**Donato Borrillo, J.D., M.D.  
&  
Adrienne Hines, Esq.**

# Adrienne Hines, Esq.

Kademenos, Wisehart, Hines, Dolyk & Zeiher, Co,L.P.A

# Donato Borrillo, MD, JD

Zoll & Kranz Law Firm

---

ATTORNEY PHYSICIAN INTERACTIONS  
DURING THE LIFE OF A CLAIM

# Physicians Interact with the Workers' Compensation Claim From its Inception

- Discovery
- Fostering this relationship makes a claim go smoother and decreases the need (and therefore the cost) of expert review & examination

# It's just a phase.....

---

Latent or dormant

Pre-existing

Acute

Subacute

Chronic

Fatal

# Latent Phase

---

Family practice

Plant dispensary

- surveillance programs

OSHA, CDC, DOT exams

School

Pre-hire

# Pre-existing

---

Orthopedic clinic

Pain management

Neurology

ER and urgent care visits

Physicals

# ~ The Acute Phase ~

The First Contact with a Physicians is Often Crucial

## 1. Emergency Physicians

- Things to keep in mind when trying to reach or speak with an emergency room physician

## 2. Urgent Care

- Things to keep in mind when trying to discuss with urgent care

## 3. Plant Dispensary

- Things to keep in mind when discussing with plant dispensary

# ~ The Subacute Phase ~

## Clinics

- Family Practice
- Occupational Medicine Clinic
- Chiropractic Clinic
- Orthopaedic Clinic or Trauma Clinic as a follow up
- Neurology clinic



# ~ The Subacute Phase ~

## Specialists

- Orthopaedic
- Neurosurgeon
- Neurology
- Pulmonology
- Allergist and Dermatology

# ~ The Chronic Phase ~

## Chronic Pain Management

- Anesthesiology
- Pain Management & Rehabilitation

---

# Discussion

