



Recover What the Carrier Paid: *Prove the Crash Caused It.*

Not the Spine Expert You'd Expect.

When a work injury comes out of a car crash, recovery turns on one question: **did this collision cause the spinal injury the carrier paid for?** The at-fault driver's insurer will say low impact and pre-existing degeneration. I answer with measured imaging findings tied to the crash mechanism.



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HOW AN ENGAGEMENT WORKS

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FREE FILE TRIAGE

Complimentary 30-minute call: an honest read on whether to pursue recovery.

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RECORDS-BASED ANALYSIS

Reconstruction data, imaging, and the WC record read together. No claimant exam.

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CAUSATION OPINION

A written mechanism opinion for demand, mediation, deposition, or trial.

Two Lines of Evidence, *One Question* — Did This Crash Cause This Injury?

CRASH MECHANISM → SPINAL LOADING

I work from your reconstructionist's delta-V, impact vector, and occupant position, and translate those forces into what they do to the cervical and lumbar spine.

- Occupant loading weighed against the published injury-biomechanics literature
- Individualized for age, seated posture, and pre-existing degeneration
- Answers "low impact, no injury" with mechanism, not rhetoric

OBJECTIVE IMAGING — AOMSI + MRI AGE-DATING

Flexion-extension analysis for alteration of motion segment integrity, and MRI signal analysis separating acute trauma from chronic degeneration.

- Segmental specificity: motion-segment loss at the symptomatic level, not its equally degenerated neighbors
- Temporal correlation with pre-accident imaging when it exists
- Symptoms and exam findings localized to the same segment

Built for Both Files — *WC Record · Civil Causation*

WC + CIVIL FLUENCY

QME apportionment experience plus civil crash-injury testimony — consistent with the WC medical-legal record.

SARGON / HALLMARK RELIABILITY

Measured imaging findings, established methods, literature matched to the mechanism — no analytical gap.

ONE OPINION, NO CONTRADICTIONS

RECOVERY CONTEXT

Written for third-party recovery and lien matters under Cal. Lab. Code §3852 et seq. and NRS 616C.215.

Who This Is For

I · Carrier Subrogation Units

Third-party recovery files where a work-related crash produced a spine claim.

II · Subrogation Counsel

Firms pursuing recovery or protecting the carrier's lien in the worker's civil case.

III · Self-Insured Employers

Self-insured employers and TPAs deciding on recovery before funding litigation.

"A carrier doesn't need a louder opinion — it needs one that lines up with the crash, the imaging, and its own WC record. When all three agree at the same segment, the opinion holds."

Opinions are based on the records, imaging, and reconstruction data provided; where crash severity is disputed, mechanism opinions rely on a qualified accident reconstruction. Past results do not guarantee future outcomes. Admissibility of expert testimony is determined by the court.