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Motor Vehicle Accidents



Auto accidents are among the most traumatic experiences a person can go through. Physical injuries as well as emotional trauma result from the event. If you have been in a recent car accident, you should be seen for a complete evaluation. Injuries can occur at speeds of six miles per hour! A low-speed collision may not cause excessive damage to your vehicle, but the bodily injuries that are sustained do not always correlate to speed. Neglecting the effects of auto collisions can result in long-lasting pain, dysfunction, and decreased enjoyment of life's normal daily activities.

Under Oregon Personal Injury Protection (PIP) laws you are entitled to a minimum of \$15,000 and up to three years of treatment including: chiropractic, massage, acupuncture and physical therapy. The insurance covers anyone involved in the accident—the driver, passengers, bicyclists and pedestrians. There is no co-pay and no prescription from a doctor is needed. Oregon is a "no fault" state, meaning you are covered even if the accident was your fault.

Prior to opening a medical claim so that you may receive the treatment you need, please complete the following steps:

1. Call your insurance company! You will be assigned a claims adjuster for your case. That person will help you open your medical claim to allow you to seek treatment for your injuries.

2. We will need the following information to be able to bill your PIP insurance: A) your **car insurance company** name, B) name of your **claims adjuster and phone number**, C) **medical claim number** which you will receive from your adjuster.

3. If you need an attorney or if you need consultation with an attorney, please contact a **personal injury attorney** for legal advice.

4. Prior to coming into the clinic for evaluation and treatment, please complete the **Medical Massage Intake Form**, **Patient Insurance Form** and have your attending doctor or chiropractor fill out the **Physician Referral**.

Remember: Getting prompt treatment after the accident will promote recovery and prevent soft tissue damage from worsening. Medical Massage Treatments are designed to...

- alleviate pain.
- decrease recovery time
- relieve stress to allow your body to relax as you recover.
- address spinal and extremity joint injuries and issues created as a result of the accident.
- improve neurological function, blood circulation, soft tissue function, and promote healing and rehabilitation of injured regions.
- promote tissue regeneration and reduce scar tissue formation.