

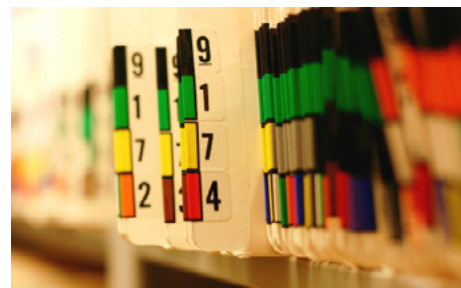


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## How to Prove Your Medical Expenses

If you are making a claim for medical expenses, you will need to document, document, and document. Without proper documentation of your bills and expenses, you face an uphill battle to collect.



To help you gather all the necessary documentation of your medical expenses, keep these considerations in mind:

1. **Work With Your Attorney.** Oftentimes, your physicians and other medical professionals are only willing to provide medical information to you. As a result, you may need to ask on your attorney's behalf for relevant documents.
2. **Work With Your Doctor.** Your doctor is not an expert on personal injury claims. So you may need to work with your doctor and explain the importance of getting documentation of your expenses.
3. **Keep a Journal.** You may see a variety of physicians and specialists. A journal can help you keep track of everyone you have seen.

## When Will Your Personal Injury Trial Take Place

You filed a lawsuit to collect damages for your personal injury claim. Now you are waiting for the trial. Unfortunately, there is no definitive answer on how long you may wait. Instead, a variety of factors may determine how quickly (or slowly) your case goes to trial:



1. **How Busy Is The Court.** If the court is extremely busy, you may face a long waiting time regardless of your claim. Unfortunately, there is very little you or your attorney can do to speed up the process in this case.
2. **Whether There Are Evidentiary Issues.** If discovery is very difficult, the evidence voluminous, or the issue is complex, it can take a long time for lawyers and experts to digest the information and get ready for court.
3. **What Attempts Were Made At Settlement.** Good faith efforts at settlement may push back a hearing date.

## How to Explain Prior Injuries at Your Deposition

During a deposition for a personal injury claim, you will inevitably be asked about any prior injuries you have suffered. Opposing counsel will dig into this as they hope to uncover some fact that will allow them to blame your injuries on an unrelated incident.



To deal with these difficult questions, you can follow some simple tips:

1. **Practice.** Write down your prior injuries and their impact on you. Practice your answers with your attorney.
2. **Be Honest.** Don't lie or exaggerate at your deposition. You can answer to the best of your recollection. However, don't try to invent answers that you believe will further your case.
3. **Maintain Professionalism.** A deposition serves multiple purposes. Along with eliciting answers, a defense counsel also wants to see how good a witness you will be. The more professional and sincere you are, the more likely a settlement.

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