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This is a review of my injury claim with WCB. I was always a very healthy and athletic person before my injury.

My injury happened, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 1999. I was walking down the stairwell at work and I slipped, fell and landed on my lower back and thigh.

I went to see my family Dr. He sent me for X-rays, prescribed medication. The x-ray results did not show anything and after 1 month he sent me back to work as he thought it was a bad bruise.

As I started working again the pain was not getting any better. I continued to see Dr's.

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 1999

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>

Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>,

Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2000

Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>

Feb, 9<sup>th</sup>

Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>

March 6<sup>th</sup>,

April 15<sup>th</sup>,

April 27<sup>th</sup>

Same problem but pain more severe. I could hardly bare it. We were setting up some new computers and carrying some computers and monitors up and down the stairs. I was in a lot of pain.. I went to see my family Dr. and was unable to continue working as I had severe problems walking and sitting.

A few days later I went to Grace Hospital, emergency.

May 8<sup>th</sup> I continued to see doctors.

May 26th,

June 5th, Requested to see an Orthopedic specialist. My family Dr. is not helping me, all he does is prescribe cipro and pain killers. Orthopedic specialist is very busy.

July 12, 2000, my aunt told me to go see a Dr., at Occupational health. The Dr. indicated that I may have pelvic joint dysfunction. He provided me with a publication by a Specialist in the US. That publication led me to the road to recovery. The Dr. at Occupational Health referred me to see the Specialist in St Paul, Minnesota as he thought he would help me. I contacted WCB and they ignored my claim. Thank God I lived at home and was able to get UI sick benefits.

I finally get to see the Orthopedic Specialist in Winnipeg in July. He orders a CT scan for me, but I have to wait until Sept, 15, 2000. I am to stay at home in bed in pain waiting for a CT scan for 2 months.

Again in August, after reading publication from US specialist, I had a feeling he could help diagnosis and treat me. I was worried about cost, insured benefits was contacted, and they refused to help me. I asked my parents if they would take me to see US Dr. I was able to get an appointment in a week to see him. I was unable to sit in an airplane so my parents drove me to St. Paul while I lay down in the back of my dad's vehicle. US Dr. examined me, diagnosed and treated me. I will be grateful to him for the rest of my life. I am enclosing his publication and report. This report is very detailed, please read it as it will explain my injury fully.

Quote from US Dr. report

"He has a right superior shear as well as a right superior pubic up slip. Right leg is 2cms shorter.

benefits, alternatives and risks were reviewed including risks of fractures, nerve damage and paralysis. The patient indicated understanding and the patients questions were answered. The patient wished me to proceed".

After he treated me I could walk and sit without major pain. Since my pelvic area was out of place for so long, Dec, 1999 to Aug, 2000, it's going to take a long time for it to stabilize and heal. I have to go to physiotherapy and exercise. I also had to wear an SI joint belt to stabilize the lower back.

When I came back from St Paul, Minnesota, I took the US Dr's report to the Dr's I saw here in Winnipeg, they all support me. I took all this information to WCB. and they refused me for time loss. I have reports and letters on file from my family Dr. why I could not work for those dates.

May 2, 2000, 2 weeks, then another 6 weeks, then another return to work as uncertain. August 29th, after I was treated by US Dr., Dr. here advised me to go back to work for 3 days a week. starting Sept. 25, 2000. November 7, 2000 Dr. recommended I continue with 3 days a week, then in February 2001, increased this to 4 days a week.

If you read US Dr. report, he said a regular X-ray or CT scan would not show my injury an MRI would have. It was never ordered for me. This is the person that helped me, this is why I am back at work.

I am 36 year old University graduate. This accident happened over 4 years ago. I was 32 then and anxious to work hard and get ahead in life. W.C.B seems to assume that I wanted to stay at home and do nothing with my life. They denied my claim saying I could

have worked. I would have worked if I could have. I have always had a job throughout my life.

The WCB Dr. that denied my claim says that I could have worked. How can he even say that since I have letters from Doctors that actually saw me and said that I should not go to work?

I have gone to all the Doctors noted in this report complaining about the same injury to everyone of them. I finally got diagnosed correctly and treated. I give all the information to WCB, have gone back to work part time and now full time and they still deny my claim. 4 years later I am still fighting with them over this, what is wrong with this?

WCB Quote from WCB case worker.

Report Dec. 2000. The weight of evidence including diagnosis, expected symptom duration, the time that had passed and current medical findings indicate that you had recovered to the point that you could perform your pre accident duties of January. 6, 2000.

This statement proved that she did not read my file. I continued to see Doctors after January 6th, 2000 complaining about the same injury until I was correctly diagnosed and treated. WCB refuses to accept the rest of my file.

My Dr. stated when I should return to work and WCB ignores his letters. They have all his letters and the US Drs. detailed report and yet ignore all of this. They disregard all this information, and there is review after review, over 4 years now.

I have had the worst stress in my life coming from all of this with WCB. I would have never realized all this is going on until I lived through this.

I know now that I did work with my pelvic area out of place until it was unbearable and I could not work anymore. My Dr told me it was a bruise. My ligaments are stretched now because of prolonged diagnosis and treatment. I can walk normally but I cannot run, swim ride a bike or skate or lift anything heavy. If I do any of these things my pelvic area shifts and I have to go to physiotherapy so it can be adjusted back into place.

The physiotherapists that have assisted me since my injury know everything about my injury, this is all documented. WCB also claims that the company I work for would have offered modified duties. But how can they offer modified duties if I do not have a proper diagnosis or treatment? I was never offered any modified duties until after I was properly diagnosed and treated by the US Dr. All my Doctors said to stay off my feet until I was properly diagnosed and treated or risk further injury.

March 5, 2004, I received another letter from WCB denying my right to medical review panel.

It took them a whole year to tell me the same thing. Obviously there is a enough controversy in my case for a medical review panel but they keep denying me.

I have to question the way WCB handled my file.

1) Is there a need for this claim to drag on for over 4 years, review after review after review?

- 2) How efficient is the WCB staff?
- 3) US Dr. diagnosed and treated my injury because that was his Specialty.
- 4) What experience do WCB workers have with injured people?
- 5) I saw a WCB Dr, he agreed with my Injury and recommended that I go see a Chiropractor, then a few weeks later he changed his mind after talking to my case worker? How honest does that sound?

The workers of Manitoba work hard for a living, pay taxes, raise families. A work place accident happens and they are treated unfairly and looked down upon as people taking advantage of, or scamming the government. Do we deserve to be treated like this? I hope we can accomplish something today. Thank you for this review.