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Reasons MRIs and CT Scans Matter After a Car Accident

1. What a Physical Exam Alone Can Miss

A physical exam identifies areas of concern, but cannot see inside the body. Disc herniations, ligament tears, spinal cord compression, and TBIs are all invisible without imaging, and symptoms may not appear until days or weeks after the accident.



2. Why MRIs?

MRIs produce detailed images of soft tissue, discs, ligaments, tendons, and spinal cord, invisible on X-rays. They detect herniated discs pressing on nerves and whiplash damage, without using the ionizing radiation that has been linked to cancer.



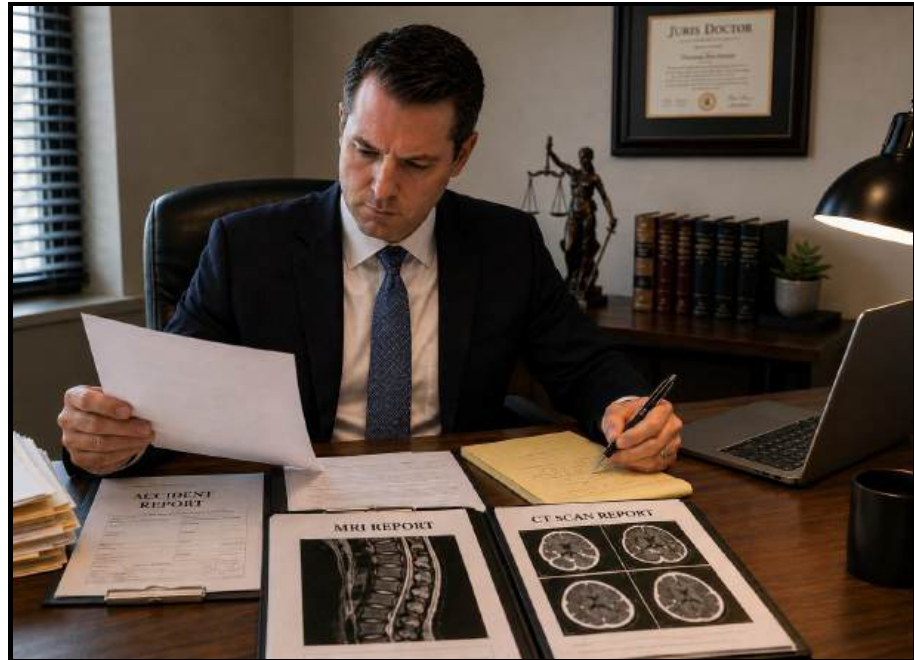
3. Why CT Scans?

CT scans identify fractures that a standard X-ray might miss and detect internal bleeding and organ damage that can become life-threatening without early detection. A brain CT can also identify bleeding that may not produce obvious symptoms right away.



4. How Imaging Connects Your Injury to the Crash

Imaging creates an objective, time-stamped record connecting injuries to the accident. Without it, insurers can argue pain predated the crash or that treatment isn't necessary, arguments that prompt post-accident imaging makes much harder to sustain.



5. Why Skipping Recommended Imaging Carries Real Consequences

Undetected injuries worsen without proper diagnosis, and activity before identification accelerates damage. Insurers notice when recommended imaging is skipped and argue the injury wasn't serious, making follow-through medically and legally essential.



6. How Do I Get Proper Medical Care?

If your injuries aren't being taken seriously, a specialized attorney can connect you to the right providers. Getting recommended scans, attending all follow-ups, and letting the medical record reflect the full evaluation protects both health and claim.



7. Take Imaging Seriously

After a car accident, get medical help, even if your injuries seem minor. Follow through on your doctor's orders. Get the scans they suggest and attend all follow-up appointments and therapies. Let the medical record reflect the full course of your evaluation.



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