

EXPERT MEDICAL OPINION

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CASE OVERVIEW	
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SPECIALTY	Orthopedic spine surgery
QUESTION	Within a reasonable degree of medical probability, did the motor vehicle collision of 03/14/2025 cause the L4-L5 disc herniation and resultant radiculopathy treated in this file?
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Records and imaging reviewed

BASIS	FINDINGS
History	Restrained front passenger; rear-end collision at speed sufficient to deploy airbags; immediate low-back pain.
Imaging	04/05/2025 MRI: 4.2 mm posterolateral herniation at L4-L5, left; no pre-existing advanced degeneration.
Temporal link	Symptoms began at the collision; objective findings within 22 days.
No competing cause	No prior lumbar treatment for 9 years; no documented trauma between 03/14/2025 and MRI.

Opinions

Opinion 1 — Causation. The collision caused the L4-L5 herniation. Mechanism (rapid acceleration-deceleration with axial loading and rotation), acute symptom onset, and imaging pattern support this within reasonable medical probability.

Opinion 2 — Radiculopathy. The left L5 radiculopathy is a direct consequence of nerve-root contact by the herniated fragment, confirmed clinically and by EMG on 10/15/2025.

Opinion 3 — Prognosis. Residual 8% left lower extremity impairment and permanent lifting restrictions are causally related and consistent with the natural history of this injury.

Opinion 4 — Future care. Annual orthopedic follow-up, PRN epidural steroid injections, and maintenance neuropathic pain medication are reasonable and causally related.

Qualifications

Board-certified in the relevant specialty; active clinical practice; prior expert testimony experience; no financial interest in the parties.
Curriculum vitae available on request.

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Opinion rendered within a reasonable degree of medical probability. Draft prepared with MedRecords AI and reviewed, edited, and signed by the expert.