

We want to use a diagram to show the jury the anatomy of exactly what type of injury you have. Why do we need to bring in a medical expert to authenticate this particular diagram? You want to know the answer? Come join me for a moment as I share with you some great information. Hi, I'm Gerry Oginski. I'm a New York medical malpractice and personal injury trial lawyer practicing law here in the state of New York. So now, if we want to use a diagram that shows the extent of your injuries, typically many people will say "Hey, show me the actual photograph of the injury." Let's say this was an internal injury and we want to show the jury what happened inside your leg. Well, they might say "Can't we use an x-ray?" Of course we can use an x-ray and we can enlarge it so now the jury can see that clearly. But what if instead the x-ray is not ideal to show the inner structures of the leg? One of the things we can do is hire a graphic illustrator that specializes in anatomical drawings. So now, once the anatomical drawing is made, can we go ahead and use that and have our medical expert go ahead and use this drawing? Well, first we have to authenticate that this drawing is accurate. And how do we do that? There are a couple of ways to actually authenticate such a diagram. First, we could bring in the person who actually illustrated this diagram and now we can have them explain to the jury what their qualifications are, and importantly, what documents or imaging they used to go ahead and create this illustration. On the other hand, we can also use the medical expert or the patient's treating doctor to confirm that this anatomical drawing is accurate and is based upon the MRIs or is based upon the CAT scan or is based upon photographs or something else. So this way, once we have authenticated this particular diagram, now if we wanted to we can actually offer the diagram into evidence and then the jury can ultimately take that back into the jury room with them and look at it and evaluate it while they're deciding who's more likely right than wrong. So why do I share this quick information with you? I share it with you just to give you an insight and an understanding into what goes on in an accident case or a medical malpractice case where now we want to bring in a diagram that show the injuries that you suffered and now we have to authenticate it to confirm to the jury and everyone in court that this is an accurate portrayal of what your injuries truly look like. You know, I realize you're watching this because you have questions or concerns about your own particular matter. Well, if your matter happened here in the state of New York and you do have legal questions, what I encourage you to do is pick up the phone and call me. I can answer your legal questions. You know, this is something I do every single day and I'd love to chat with you. You can reach me at 516-487-8207 or by email at Gerry@Oginski-law.com. That's it for today's quick video. I'm Gerry Oginski, have a wonderful day.