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New LNCS often spend far too long on their first cases, not because they're slow, but because they re-review the records. Sometimes new LNCS review records two, three, or more times. The instinct makes sense, but the reasons behind it can quietly derail efficiency without helping the case.

Here are the three most common reasons new LNCS re-review, and why experienced LNCS usually don't.

Reason 1: Fear of Missing Something

New LNCS worry they'll overlook a critical detail, so they go back through the records "just to be sure." But here's the truth:

- You already know how to spot inconsistencies.
- You already know when documentation feels "off".
- You already know when a patient's condition doesn't match the chart.

Your clinical instincts are strong, and when paired with the allegations, they're even stronger.

Re-reviewing doesn't make you more accurate. It just makes you slower.

Reason 2: The Fantasy of Finding the Magic Detail

Every LNC has heard stories about the LNC who found that one tiny detail that changed the course of the case. And yes, sometimes that *does* happen.

But here's what many new LNCS miss:

Those details are almost never found on re-review. They're found because the reviewer:

- understood the allegations
- built a focused chronology
- recognized patterns
- knew what mattered and what didn't

In other words, they weren't lucky. They were structured.

Reason 3: Lack of Self-Confidence

This one is quieter but powerful. New LNCs sometimes re-review because they don't yet trust their own judgment. They worry that if they stop too soon, they'll look inexperienced - or worse, wrong.

But confidence doesn't come from reading the same chart twice. It comes from building and trusting a **repeatable workflow**. When you follow a structured review, grounded in the allegations, guided by chronology, and aligned with the legal timeline, you can stop, knowing you've done it right.

Why Experienced LNCs Rarely Re-Review

Experienced LNCs don't re-review repeatedly because they know when the case ends. They stop when:

- the allegation timeline is complete
- the damages are fully documented
- causation is clear
- re-reading won't change their conclusions

They trust their workflow, not luck.

When Is Re-Review Appropriate?

Re-review is appropriate to refresh clinical details for deposition or trial preparation. It may also be necessary to extract information outside the scope of the initial review. For example, you might create a list of all blood pressure readings for a specific issue at trial. Ambiguities may also require review of specific chart entries.

The Bottom Line

Accuracy doesn't come from repetition. It comes from structure. When your review is grounded in the allegations and guided by a clear chronology, you don't need to go around the circle again.

