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Re: Sanchez, Niele  
DOB: 09/23/1973  
DOA: 05/22/2022

## INITIAL ORTHOPEDIC CONSULT EXAMINATION

**CHIEF COMPLAINT:** Left knee pain.

**HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS:** A 48-year-old right-hand dominant female involved in a motor vehicle accident on 05/22/2022. The patient was a bus passenger. The bus stopped short, the patient fell forward and hit the knee. The EMS did not arrive on the scene. The police were not called to the scene of the accident. The patient went by car to NewYork-Presbyterian Methodist Hospital and was treated and released the same day. The patient presents today complaining of left knee pain sustained in the motor vehicle accident. The patient was attending physical therapy for the last 3 months with no relief.

**WORK HISTORY:** The patient is currently working.

**PAST MEDICAL HISTORY:** Lupus. There is no previous history of trauma.

**PAST SURGICAL HISTORY:** TAH 30 years old, laparoscopic cholecystectomy about 3-4 years ago, and partial thyroidectomy about 10 years ago.

**DRUG ALLERGIES:** PENICILLIN.

**MEDICATIONS:** The patient is taking allopurinol, Plaquenil, and Synthroid 110 mcg.

**SOCIAL HISTORY:** The patient is a nonsmoker. The patient drinks alcohol socially. The patient does use recreational drugs daily.

**ADL CAPABILITIES:** The patient states that she can walk for 1 block. She can stand for 10 minutes before she has to sit. She can sit for 10 minutes before needing to change positions

secondary to pain. As a direct result of the injuries sustained in this accident, the patient states that she is unable to do the following activities: running errands, kneeling, squatting, negotiating stairs, jogging and exercising.

**PRESENT COMPLAINTS:** Left knee: Left knee pain is 8/10, described as constant, sharp, stabbing, dull, achy pain. The patient has stiffness and weakness. The patient has difficulty rising from a chair and has difficulty going up and down stairs. The patient also notes clicking, popping, and intermittent locking. Worse with range of motion and improves with rest.

**REVIEW OF SYSTEMS:** Temperature taken at the time of exam was 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit.

**General:** No fever, chills, night sweats, weight gain, or weight loss.

**HEENT:** No double vision, eye pain, eye redness, decreased hearing, earache, ear ringing, nosebleeds, sore throat or hoarseness.

**Endocrine:** No cold intolerance, appetite changes or hair changes.

**Skin:** Clear, no rashes or lesions.

**Neuro:** No headaches, dizziness, vertigo or tremor.

**Respiratory:** No wheezing, coughing, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.

**Cardiovascular:** No chest pain, murmurs, irregular heart rate or hypertension.

**GI:** No nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, constipation, jaundice or changes in bowel habits.

**GU:** No blood in urine, painful urination, loss of bladder control or urinary retention.

**Hematology:** No active bleeding, bruising, anemia or blood clotting disorders.

**Psychiatric:** No anxiety, change in sleep pattern, depression or suicidal thoughts.

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:** The patient's height is 5 feet 4 inches, weight is 240 pounds, and BMI is 41.2. The left knee reveals tenderness along the medial joint line, superior pole of patella, and inferior pole of the patella. There is crepitus appreciated. There is no heat, swelling, erythema or deformity appreciated. Positive McMurray test. Positive Lachman test. Positive patellofemoral grinding test. Positive anterior drawer. Negative posterior drawer. Range of motion reveals flexion 80/130 degrees and extension 4/5 degrees. Knee is stable with varus and valgus stress test. The patient has no motor or sensory deficit of the left lower extremity.

**DIAGNOSTIC TESTING:** MRI of the left knee, done on 07/23/2022, shows edema along the myofascial planes of the partially imaged medial head of the gastrocnemius muscle consistent with myofascial strain. Significant edema in the prepatellar region compatible with trauma sequelae. Subcortical cysts in the medial and lateral femoral condyles.

**ASSESSMENT:**

1. M23.92 Internal derangement, left knee.
2. M25.462 Joint effusion, left knee.
3. S80.912A Injury, left knee.
4. M25.562 Pain, left knee.

**PLAN:**

1. Imaging studies and clinical examinations were reviewed with the patient.

2. All treatment options discussed with the patient.
3. Cold compresses for left knee.
4. Continue anti-inflammatory and muscle relaxant medications p.r.n.
5. Continue physical therapy for left knee 3 days/week.
6. Recommend steroid injections with pain management for left knee. The patient refuses due to side effects.
7. Discussed left knee arthroscopy versus conservative management with the patient. The patient states that due to continual pain and lack of relief with physical therapy and the inability to perform day-to-day activities due to pain, the patient would like to proceed with surgery.
8. The patient needs medical clearance prior to surgery.
9. It is medically necessary to perform the suggested surgery to properly diagnose the patient's condition and to objectively verify presence and severity of internal derangement and other left knee pathology in quantitative and qualitative terms and achieve better prognosis. This surgery is crucial to provide most specific and maximally effective treatment to this patient.
10. Discussed the length of the arthroscopy, the postoperative instructions, and the option of continuing with conservative management alternatives to surgery, including no surgery.
11. All the benefits and risks of the left knee arthroscopy have been discussed with the patient. The risks include, but not limited to bleeding, infection, pain, stiffness, muscle injury, nerve injury, DVT, and recurrence.
12. All the questions in regard to the procedure were answered.
13. The patient verbally consents for the arthroscopy of left knee and the patient will be scheduled for left knee surgery. On the day of the surgery, before the procedure, the surgeon will explain all related questions of the procedure. The patient will sign a written consent and be witnessed by the surgeon.
14. The patient will follow up 1-2 weeks postop or in 2 months if surgery has not been performed yet.

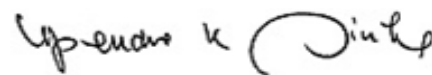
**CAUSALITY:** It is within a certain degree of medical certainty, that the history presented by the patient, the objective physical findings as well as the diagnosis rendered is causally related to the injury the patient incurred on the specified date. These current symptoms were nonexistent prior to the accident. Findings were discussed with the patient.

**AFFIRMATION:** Being duly licensed to practice medicine in the state of New York, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Civil Practice Laws and Rules, I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that the statements contained herein are true and accurate.

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