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Re: Pugh, Tiffany
DOB: 01/07/1972
DOA: 07/22/2022

INITIAL ORTHOPEDIC CONSULT EXAMINATION

CHIEF COMPLAINT: Left knee pain.

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS: A 50-year-old right-hand dominant female involved in a motor vehicle accident on 07/22/2022. The patient was the rear seat passenger of a Lyft vehicle and was wearing a seatbelt. The vehicle was struck on the rear end. The airbags did not deploy. The EMS did not arrive on the scene. The police were not called to the scene of the accident. The patient did not go to any hospital that 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 1 month with no relief.

WORK HISTORY: The patient is currently working.

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY: Hypertension. There is a previous history of trauma, MVA in 2018.

PAST SURGICAL HISTORY: Gastric bypass in 2012 and C-section in 1997, 2000.

DRUG ALLERGIES: CODEINE.

MEDICATIONS: The patient is taking valsartan 25 mg and pain medications p.r.n.

SOCIAL HISTORY: The patient is a nonsmoker. The patient drinks alcohol occasionally.

ADL CAPABILITIES: The patient states that she can walk for 1/2 block. She can stand for 5 minutes before she has to sit. She can sit for 5 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: carrying heavy objects, laundry, shopping, running errands, kneeling, squatting, negotiating stairs, jogging, and exercising.

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

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 or irregular heart rate. The patient has 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 7 inches, weight is 244 pounds, and BMI is 38.2. The left knee reveals swelling and tenderness along the medial joint line. There is no heat, erythema, or deformity appreciated. There is crepitus appreciated. Positive McMurray test. Positive Lachman test. Positive patellofemoral grinding test. Positive anterior drawer. Negative posterior drawer. Range of motion reveals flexion 75/130 degrees and extension 3/5 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 08/09/2022, shows partial tear of medial collateral ligament. Full-thickness tear of anterior cruciate ligament. Extensive multifocal tearing of medial meniscus. Horizontal cleavage tear at the anterior horn of lateral meniscus. Tricompartmental arthrosis severely affecting the medial and patellofemoral compartments. Joint effusion with loose body within the suprapatellar recess.

ASSESSMENT:

1. S83.242A Medial meniscus tear, left knee.
2. S83.282A Lateral meniscus tear, left knee.
3. M23.92 Internal derangement, left knee.
4. S83.519A Anterior cruciate ligament tear, left knee.
5. S83.412A Medial collateral ligament tear, left knee.
6. M25.462 Joint effusion, left knee.
7. S80.912A Injury, left knee.
8. M25.562 Pain, left knee.

9. M17.12 Osteoarthritis, 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 think about surgery.
8. 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.
9. Discussed the length of the arthroscopy, the postoperative instructions, and the option of continuing with conservative management alternatives to surgery, including no surgery.
10. 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.
11. All the questions in regard to the procedure were answered.
12. Follow up in 2 weeks for decision.

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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