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Re: Cortes, Margarita
DOB: 07/06/1980
DOA: 05/18/2022

FOLLOW-UP NOTE

CHIEF COMPLAINT: Follow up of right wrist pain.

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS: The patient presents today in followup with continued pain in the right wrist.

ADL CAPABILITIES: As a direct result of the injuries sustained in this accident, the patient states that she is unable to do the following activities: driving, lifting heavy objects, carrying, reaching overhead, laundry, shopping, running errands, and exercising.

PRESENT COMPLAINTS: Right wrist: Right wrist pain is 5/10, described as intermittent, dull, achy pain. Denies weakness, numbness, tingling. The patient has pain with lifting, carrying, and driving. Worse with range of motion and improves with rest, medication, physical therapy, and ice.

The patient is not working (parole officer) since 05/18/2022.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: The right wrist reveals pain to palpation over the distal radius. There is no swelling, erythema, or bruise noted. Negative Tinel sign. Negative Phalen test. Range of motion reveals flexion 70/80 degrees, extension 60/70 degrees, radial deviation 15/20 degrees, ulnar deviation 25/30 degrees.

DIAGNOSTIC TESTING: MRI of the right wrist, done on 07/12/2022, shows mild PD Fat sat hyperintensities seen at ulnar side of TFCC-likely grade I injury. Ganglion cyst noted measuring 11.5 x 5.3 mm abutting the anterolateral aspect radius with mild interarticular extension.

ASSESSMENT:

1. Synovitis, right wrist.

PLAN:

1. Imaging studies and clinical examinations were reviewed with the patient.
2. All treatment options discussed with the patient.
3. Cold compresses for right wrist.
4. Continue anti-inflammatory and muscle relaxant medications p.r.n.
5. Continue physical therapy for right wrist 3 days/week.
6. Discussed right wrist 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
7. Workers' Compensation Board authorization needed prior to 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 right wrist 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 right wrist 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. The patient verbally consents for the arthroscopy of right wrist and the patient will be scheduled for right wrist 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.
13. The patient will follow up 1-2 weeks postop or in 2 months if surgery has not been performed yet.

IMPAIRMENT RATING: 100%. The patient is currently not working.

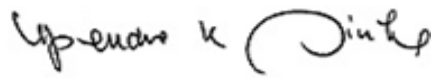
CAUSALITY: It is within a certain degree of medical certainty, that the history presented by the patient, the objective physical findings as well as the diagnosis rendered is causally related to the injury the patient incurred on the specified date. These current symptoms were nonexistent prior to the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

Cortes, Margarita

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