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Re: Exantus, Kerven

DOB: 10/24/1988 DOA: 03/29/2022

INITIAL ORTHOPEDIC CONSULT EXAMINATION

CHIEF COMPLAINT: Left hand, neck, and low-back pain.

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS: A 34-year-old left-hand dominant male involved in a motor vehicle accident on 03/29/2022. The patient was a driver and was wearing a seatbelt. The vehicle was T-boned on the driver's back side. The airbags did not deploy. The police were called to the scene of the accident. The patient was transported via ambulance to Jamaica Hospital Medical Center and was treated and released the same day. The patient presents today complaining of left hand, neck, and low-back pain sustained in the motor vehicle accident. The patient was attending physical therapy 3 times a week with little relief.

The patient had an MRI of the left hand (little finger) on 08/16/2022, shows possible partial tear of the extensor tendon and PIP joint.

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

PAST SURGICAL HISTORY: Noncontributory.

DRUG ALLERGIES: NO KNOWN DRUG ALLERGIES.

MEDICATIONS: The patient is taking over-the-counter medication.

SOCIAL HISTORY: The patient is a nonsmoker. The patient drinks alcohol occasionally. The patient does not use recreational drugs.

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

PRESENT COMPLAINTS: Left hand: Left hand pain is 6/10.

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.

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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 9 inches, weight is 160 pounds, and BMI is 23.6. The left hand reveals that the patient has flexor contracture PIP joint left little finger (40 degrees flexor contracture). Intact flexor/extensor tendons. Collateral ligament and PIP joint is intact. The patient is able to touch the tip of little finger over palm. No gap. Good grip and pinch.

DIAGNOSTIC TESTING: MRI of the left hand, done on 08/16/2022, shows flexion deformity at the small finger PIP joint with a suspected partial tear of the extensor mechanism in this region.

ASSESSMENT:

1. Internal derangement, left hand.

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 hand.
- 4. Continue anti-inflammatory and muscle relaxant medications p.r.n.
- 5. Continue physical therapy for left hand 3 days/week.
- 6. Follow up in 4 weeks.

<u>CAUSALITY</u>: 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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