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Re: Merolus, Alexandra

DOB: 08/17/1991 DOA: 06/17/2022

## INITIAL ORTHOPEDIC CONSULT EXAMINATION

CHIEF COMPLAINT: Left wrist pain.

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS: A 31-year-old left-hand dominant female involved in a motor vehicle accident on 06/17/2022. The patient was a driver and was wearing a seatbelt. The vehicle was struck on the front side, front driver's side, and rear driver's side. The airbags deployed. The EMS arrived on the scene. The police were called to the scene of the accident. The patient was transported via ambulance to Mount Sinai Hospital on Kings Highway and was treated and released the same day. The patient presents today complaining of left wrist pain sustained in the motor vehicle accident. The patient was attending physical therapy for 3 times a week with little relief.

**WORK HISTORY:** The patient is currently working as a case manager.

**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 Tylenol.

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

**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: driving, lifting heavy objects, carrying heavy objects, reaching overhead, laundry, shopping, running errands, kneeling, squatting, negotiating stairs, jogging and exercising.

**PRESENT COMPLAINTS:** Left wrist: Left wrist pain is 7/10, described as constant, dull, achy pain. Admits to numbness. The patient has pain with daily activities, gripping, carrying, weight

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uses a part to altercate pain. 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, 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 left wrist reveals pain to palpation over the distal radius. Grip strength is 4/5. Range of motion reveals flexion 65/80 degrees, extension 50/70 degrees, radial deviation 15/20 degrees, ulnar deviation 20/30 degrees.

**DIAGNOSTIC TESTING:** MRI of the left wrist, done on 07/22/2022, shows findings suggesting a tear of the scapholunate ligament with mild widening of the scapholunate space. Fluid in the distal radioulnar joint with mild dorsal subluxation of the head of the ulna with wedge-shaped deformity of the distal radioulnar joint.

## **ASSESSMENT:**

1. Scapholunate dissociation, left 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 left wrist.
- 4. Continue anti-inflammatory and muscle relaxant medications p.r.n.
- 5. Continue physical therapy for left wrist 3 days/week.
- 6. X-ray of left wrist and right wrist for comparison.
- 7. Follow up in 2 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.

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**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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