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Re: Pailler, Sabrina DOB: 11/21/1995 DOA: 12/22/2021

## INITIAL ORTHOPEDIC CONSULT EXAMINATION

**CHIEF COMPLAINT:** Right knee, left knee, neck, and low back pain.

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS: A 26-year-old ambidextrous dominant female involved in a motor vehicle accident on 12/22/2021. The patient was a rear passenger and was wearing a seatbelt. The vehicle was struck on the rear end. The airbags did not deploy. The EMS arrived on the scene. The police were called to the scene of the accident. The patient was transported via ambulance to NYU Langone Health and was treated and released the same day. The patient presents today complaining of right knee, left knee, neck, and low back pain sustained in the motor vehicle accident. The patient was attending physical therapy 3 times a week with little relief.

**WORK HISTORY:** The patient is currently working part time as a home health aide (35 hours a week).

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

PAST SURGICAL HISTORY: Noncontributory.

**DRUG ALLERGIES:** NO KNOWN DRUG ALLERGIES.

**MEDICATIONS:** Albuterol inhaler p.r.n.

**SOCIAL HISTORY:** The patient is a nonsmoker. The patient does not drink alcohol. 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: carrying heavy objects, laundry, shopping, running errands, kneeling, squatting, negotiating stairs, jogging, and exercising.

**PRESENT COMPLAINTS:** Right knee: Right knee pain is 9/10, described as intermittent, sharp, stabbing, dull, achy pain. The patient has stiffness and weakness. The patient has

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difficulty rising from a chair and has difficulty going up and down stairs. The patient also notes clicking, popping, and intermittent locking.

Left knee: Left knee pain is 9/10, described as intermittent, 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, buckling, and intermittent locking.

The patient had cortisone injection to both knees 2 months ago, helped a little for a few weeks.

**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. The patient has

asthma.

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 176 pounds, and BMI is 30.2. The right knee reveals tenderness along the superior pole of the patella. There is swelling appreciated. There is no heat, erythema, crepitus or deformity appreciated. Negative McMurray test. Negative Lachman test. Positive patellofemoral grinding test. Positive anterior drawer. Negative posterior drawer. Range of motion reveals flexion 110/130 degrees and extension 0/5 degrees. Knee is stable with varus and valgus stress test. The patient has no motor or sensory deficit of the right lower extremity.

The left knee reveals tenderness along the superior pole of the patella and inferior pole of the patella. There is swelling and crepitus appreciated. There is no heat, erythema or deformity appreciated. Negative McMurray test. Negative Lachman test. Negative patellofemoral grinding test. Negative anterior drawer. Negative posterior drawer. Range of motion reveals flexion 120/130 degrees and extension 0/5 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 right knee, done on 05/15/2022, shows partial tear of anterior cruciate ligament. lateral tracking of the patella with suprapatellar effusion.

## **ASSESSMENT:**

1. M23.91 Internal derangement, right knee.

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- 2. S83.519A Anterior cruciate ligament tear, right knee.
- 3. S83.31XA Tear of articular cartilage, right knee.
- 4. M22.2X1 Patellofemoral chondral injury, right knee.
- 5. M25.461 Joint effusion, right knee.
- 6. M12.569 Traumatic arthropathy, right knee.
- 7. S80.911A Injury, right knee.
- 8. M25.561 Pain, right knee.
- 9. M23.92 Internal derangement, left knee.
- 10. M12.569 Traumatic arthropathy, left knee.
- 11. S80.912A Injury, left knee.
- 12. 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 right knee and left knee.
- 4. Continue anti-inflammatory and muscle relaxant medications p.r.n.
- 5. Continue physical therapy for right knee and left knee 3 days/week.
- 6. Ordered MRI of the left knee today.
- 7. Discussed right 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. 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 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 right 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. The patient verbally consents for the arthroscopy of right knee and the patient will be scheduled for right 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.
- 13. The patient will follow up 1-2 weeks postop or in 2 months if surgery has not been performed yet.

<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

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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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