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Office seen at: Merrick Medical PC 243-51 Merrick Blvd Rosedale, NY 11422 Phone# (718) 413-5499

Re: De La Rosa, Justin

DOB: 01/29/2004 DOA: 11/29/2021

INITIAL ORTHOPEDIC CONSULT EXAMINATION

CHIEF COMPLAINT: Right knee, left knee, right ankle, left ankle, neck, mid back, and low-back pain.

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS: An 18-year-old right-hand dominant male involved in a motor vehicle accident on 11/29/2021. The patient was a driver and was wearing a seatbelt. 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 Long Island Community Center and was treated and released the same day. The patient presents today complaining of right knee, left knee, right ankle, left ankle, neck, mid back, and low-back pain sustained in the motor vehicle accident. The patient was attending physical therapy 3 times a week with little relief.

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 does not use recreational drugs.

ADL CAPABILITIES: The patient states that he can walk for 1/2 block. He can stand for 5 minutes before he has to sit. He 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 he is unable to do the following activities: driving, lifting heavy objects, carrying heavy

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objects, reaching overhead, laundry, shopping, running errands, kneeling, squatting, negotiating stairs, jogging and exercising.

PRESENT COMPLAINTS: Right knee: Right knee pain is 5/10, 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, and buckling.

Left knee: Left knee pain is 5/10, 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, and buckling.

Right ankle: Right ankle pain is 4/10, described as intermittent, dull, achy pain. The patient has pain with standing, walking, climbing.

Left ankle: Left ankle pain is 7-8/10, described as intermittent, dull, achy pain. The patient has pain with standing, walking, climbing.

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 patient's height is 5 feet 8 inches, weight is 161 pounds, and BMI is 24.5. The right knee reveals tenderness along the superior pole of patella and inferior pole of the patella. There is crepitus appreciated. There is no heat, swelling, 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 right lower extremity.

The left knee reveals tenderness along the superior pole of patella. There is no heat, swelling, erythema, crepitus or deformity appreciated. Negative McMurray test. Negative Lachman test. Negative patellofemoral grinding test. Negative anterior drawer. Negative posterior drawer. Range of motion reveals flexion 115/130 degrees and extension 0/5 degrees. Knee is

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stable with varus and valgus stress test. The patient has no motor or sensory deficit of the left lower extremity.

The right ankle reveals swelling lateral malleolar aspect. Negative anterior drawer test. Negative inversion stress test. ROM: Dorsiflexion 20/20 degrees, plantarflexion 30/50 degrees, inversion 15/15 degrees, eversion 15/15 degrees.

The left ankle reveals tenderness to palpation noted in the lateral aspect. Negative anterior drawer test. Negative inversion stress test. Range of motion is limited and painful. ROM: Dorsiflexion 15/20 degrees, plantarflexion 40/50 degrees, inversion 10/15 degrees, eversion 10/15 degrees.

DIAGNOSTIC TESTING: MRI of the left ankle, done on 03/21/2022, shows findings compatible with sprain/interstitial tear of the peroneus brevis tendon with associated tendonopathy/tenosynovitis as discussed in the body of the report. Presence of ankle joint fluid compatible with synovitis

ASSESSMENT:

- 1. M23.91 Internal derangement, right knee.
- 2. S80.911A Injury, right knee.
- 3. M25.561 Pain, right knee.
- 4. M23.92 Internal derangement, left knee.
- 5. S80.912A Injury, left knee.
- 6. M25.562 Pain, left knee.
- 7. Pain, right ankle.
- 8. Sprain, left ankle.

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, left knee, right ankle, and left ankle.
- 4. Continue anti-inflammatory and muscle relaxant medications p.r.n.
- 5. Continue physical therapy for right knee, left knee, right ankle, and left ankle 3 days/week.
- 6. The patient is waiting for MRI of right knee, left knee and right ankle.
- 7. 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.

<u>AFFIRMATION:</u> 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

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affirm under penalty of perjury that the statements contained herein are true and accurate.

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