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Re: Harris, Tahiem
DOB: 01/13/1985
DOA: 08/21/2022

INITIAL ORTHOPEDIC CONSULT EXAMINATION

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

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS: A 37-year-old right-hand dominant male involved in a motor vehicle accident on 08/21/2022. The patient was a driver and was wearing a seatbelt. The vehicle was struck on the rear driver side. The airbags did not deploy. The EMS arrived on the scene. The police were not called to the scene of the accident. The patient was transported via ambulance to Queens General Hospital and was treated and released the same day. The patient presents today complaining of left knee, neck, and low-back pain sustained in the motor vehicle accident. The patient was attending physical therapy 4 times a week with little relief.

WORK HISTORY: The patient is currently working. The patient works as a supervisor.

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

PAST SURGICAL HISTORY: Noncontributory.

DRUG ALLERGIES: PENICILLIN.

MEDICATIONS: The patient is taking Motrin and muscle relaxant.

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 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: garden, play sports, driving, lifting heavy objects, childcare, carrying heavy objects, laundry, shopping, running errands, kneeling, squatting, negotiating stairs, jogging and exercising.

PRESENT COMPLAINTS: Left knee: Left knee pain is 7/10, 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.

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 11 inches, weight is 290 pounds, and BMI is 40.4. The left knee reveals tenderness along the medial joint line. There is swelling appreciated. There is no heat, 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 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 left knee, done on 09/08/2022, shows partial ACL tear with thickening and heterogeneity. Partial LCL tear. Joint effusion. Quadriceps and patellar tendinosis/tendonitis. Supra and infrapatellar plica. Lateral patellar tilt and luxation.

ASSESSMENT:

1. M23.92 Internal derangement, left knee.
2. S83.519A Anterior cruciate ligament tear, left knee.
3. M25.462 Joint effusion, left knee.
4. M12.569 Traumatic arthropathy, left knee.
5. S80.912A Injury, left knee.
6. M25.562 Pain, left knee.

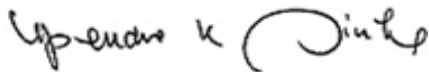
7. M65.162 Synovitis, left knee.
8. M24.662 Adhesions, left knee.

PLAN:

1. Imaging studies and clinical examinations were reviewed with the patient.
2. All treatment options discussed with the patient.
3. Cold compresses for left knee.
4. Continue anti-inflammatory and muscle relaxant medications p.r.n.
5. Continue physical therapy for left knee 3 days/week.
6. Discussed left 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 wants to think about surgery.
7. 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 left 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.
8. Discussed the length of the arthroscopy, the postoperative instructions, and the option of continuing with conservative management alternatives to surgery, including no surgery.
9. All the benefits and risks of the left 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.
10. All the questions in regard to the procedure were answered.
11. Follow up in 2 weeks.

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.



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