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Re: Made, Luis DOB: 02/11/1987 DOA: 09/16/2021

INITIAL ORTHOPEDIC CONSULT EXAMINATION

CHIEF COMPLAINT: Left knee pain.

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS: A 35-year-old right-hand dominant male involved in a work-related accident on 09/16/2021. The patient was escorting inmate and fell forward over a chair while the inmate was on it. The EMS did not arrive on the scene. The patient did not go to any hospital that same day but went to a nursing station at work. The patient presents today complaining of left knee pain sustained in the work-related accident. The patient was attending physical therapy for the last 2-3 months since date of accident with little relief.

WORK HISTORY: The patient is currently working as a corrections officer.

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY: Noncontributory. There is no previous history of WC trauma in 2018-2019 of the left shoulder - closed case.

PAST SURGICAL HISTORY: Noncontributory

DRUG ALLERGIES: NO KNOWN DRUG ALLERGIES.

MEDICATIONS: The patient is not taking any medication at this time.

SOCIAL HISTORY: The patient is a nonsmoker. The patient drinks alcohol occasionally. 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

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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: exercising.

PRESENT COMPLAINTS: Left knee: Left knee pain is 8/10, described as intermittent, sharp, stabbing, dull, achy pain. The patient has no difficulty rising from a chair and has difficulty going up and down stairs. Worse with range of motion and improves with medication.

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 220 pounds, and BMI is 30.7. The left knee reveals tenderness along the medial joint line. There is crepitus appreciated. There is no heat, swelling, erythema or deformity appreciated. Positive McMurray test. Negative Lachman test. Positive patellofemoral grinding test. Negative anterior drawer. Negative posterior drawer. Range of motion reveals flexion 85/130 degrees and extension 4/5 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 12/01/2021, shows oblique tear in the posterior horn of the medial meniscus. Anterior subcutaneous soft tissue swelling and edema, consistent with recent trauma, in an appropriate clinical setting. Moderate joint effusion consistent with recent trauma or synovitis, in an appropriate clinical setting.

ASSESSMENT:

- 1. S83.242A Medial meniscus tear, left knee.
- 2. M23.92 Internal derangement, left knee.
- 3. M25.462 Joint effusion, left knee.
- 4. S80.912A Injury, left knee.
- 5. M25.562 Pain, left knee.
- 6. M65.162 Synovitis, 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. Recommend steroid injections with pain management for left knee. The patient refuses due to side effects.
- 7. 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.
- 8. If surgery will be considered, Workers' Compensation Board authorization needed prior to surgery.
- 9. 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.
- 10. Discussed the length of the arthroscopy, the postoperative instructions, and the option of continuing with conservative management alternatives to surgery, including no surgery.
- 11. 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.
- 12. All the questions in regard to the procedure were answered.
- 13. Follow up in 2 weeks for decision.

IMPAIRMENT RATING: 25%.

<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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