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Re: Faulknor, Norman

DOB: 09/08/1955 DOA: 06/25/2022

INITIAL ORTHOPEDIC CONSULT EXAMINATION

CHIEF COMPLAINT: Left shoulder pain.

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS: A 67-year-old right-hand dominant male involved in a work-related motor vehicle accident on 06/25/2022. The patient was an Uber driver and was wearing a seatbelt. The vehicle was struck on the front passenger end and rear passenger end while driving on work duty. The airbags did not deploy. The EMS arrived the scene. The police were called to the scene of the accident. The patient did not go to any hospital that same day. The patient presents today complaining of left shoulder pain sustained in the work-related motor vehicle accident. The patient was attending physical therapy for the last 5 months with good relief.

WORK HISTORY: The patient is currently not working.

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY: Positive for hypertension and asthma. There is no previous history of trauma.

PAST SURGICAL HISTORY: Noncontributory.

DRUG ALLERGIES: NO KNOWN DRUG ALLERGIES.

MEDICATIONS: The patient is taking pain medications p.r.n. and amlodipine.

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

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ADL CAPABILITIES: 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, reaching overhead, laundry, shopping, running errands, and exercising.

PRESENT COMPLAINTS: Left shoulder: Left shoulder pain is 8/10, described as intermittent, sharp, stabbing, dull, achy pain. The patient is unable to reach overhead or behind the back but able to sleep at night without pain. Worse with range of motion and improves with rest and physical therapy.

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 or irregular heart rate. The patient has 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 7 inches, weight is 195 pounds, and BMI is 30.5. The left shoulder is nontender. There is no heat, swelling, erythema, or deformity appreciated. There is crepitus appreciated. Negative drop arm test. Negative crossover test. Positive empty can test. Positive Yergason test. Negative deltoid atrophy. Negative O'Brien test. Positive impingement sign. Positive Lift-off test. Negative Hawkins test. Range of motion, as per goniometer, abduction 125/180 degrees, adduction 40/degrees, forward flexion 140/180 degrees, extension 50/60 degrees, internal rotation 55/90 degrees, and external rotation 70/90 degrees. Internal rotation to the mid back. The patient has no motor or sensory deficit of the left upper extremity.

DIAGNOSTIC TESTING: MRI of the left shoulder, done on 10/22/2022, shows partial tear of the distal supraspinatus tendon. Fluid in the long head of the biceps tendon sheath consistent with tenosynovitis. Productive hypertrophic changes of the acromioclavicular joint with impingement of rotator cuff.

ASSESSMENT:

- 1. S46.012A Partial rotator cuff tear, left shoulder.
- 2. M24.812 Internal derangement, left shoulder.
- 3. M75.82 Shoulder tendinitis, left shoulder.
- 4. M75.42 Impingement, left shoulder.
- 5. M65.812 Tenosynovitis, left shoulder.
- 6. M25.512 Pain, left shoulder.

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- 7. S49.92XA Injury, left shoulder.
- 8. M89.312 Acromioclavicular joint hypertrophy, left shoulder.
- 9. M25.412 Joint effusion, left shoulder.

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 shoulder.
- 4. Continue anti-inflammatory and muscle relaxant medications p.r.n.
- 5. Continue physical therapy for left shoulder 3 days/week.
- 6. Recommend steroid injections with pain management for left shoulder. The patient refuses due to side effects.
- 7. Discussed left shoulder arthroscopy versus conservative management with the patient. The patient refused surgical intervention at this time as pain and ROM levels has improved with conservative management.
- 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 left shoulder 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 left shoulder 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. Follow up p.r.n.

IMPAIRMENT RATING: 75%.

<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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