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Re: Cortes, Margarita

DOB: 07/06/1980 DOA: 05/18/2022

#### INITIAL ORTHOPEDIC CONSULT EXAMINATION

**CHIEF COMPLAINT:** Right elbow and right wrist pain.

**HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS:** A 42-year-old right-hand dominant female involved in a work-related accident on 05/18/2022. The patient twisted her right upper extremities while arresting someone. The patient was transported to CityMD and was treated and released the same day. The patient presents today complaining of right elbow and right wrist pain sustained in the work-related accident. The patient was attending physical therapy for the last 2 months with little relief.

**WORK HISTORY:** The patient is currently not working.

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY: Asthma.

**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 does not drink alcohol.

**ADL CAPABILITIES:** As a direct result of the injuries sustained in this accident, the patient states that she is unable to do the following activities: driving, lifting heavy objects, carrying, reaching overhead, laundry, shopping, running errands, and exercising.

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**PRESENT COMPLAINTS:** Right wrist: Right wrist pain is 8/10, described as intermittent, dull, achy pain. Admits to weakness, numbness, tingling. The patient has pain with lifting, carrying, and driving. Worse with range of motion and improves with rest, medication, physical therapy, and ice.

Right elbow: Right wrist pain is 7/10, described as intermittent, dull, achy pain. Admits to weakness, numbness, tingling. The patient has pain with lifting, carrying, and driving. Worse with range of motion and improves with rest, medication, physical therapy, and ice.

**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 7 inches. The right wrist reveals pain to palpation over the distal radius. There is no swelling, erythema, or bruise noted. Negative Tinel sign. Negative Phalen test. Range of motion reveals flexion 70/80 degrees, extension 60/70 degrees, radial deviation 15/20 degrees, ulnar deviation 25/30 degrees.

The right elbow reveals negative Varus test. Negative Tinel sign. The patient has lateral epicondylitis. Range of motion reveals flexion 140/150 degrees, extension -5/150 degrees, supination 80/90 degrees, pronation 80/90 degrees.

**DIAGNOSTIC TESTING:** MRI of the right elbow, done on 06/24/2022, shows large bone contusion of the coronoid process of ulna.

#### **ASSESSMENT:**

- 1. Lateral epicondylitis, right elbow.
- 2. Synovitis, right wrist.

### **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 elbow and right wrist.
- 4. Continue anti-inflammatory and muscle relaxant medications p.r.n.
- 5. Continue physical therapy for right elbow and right wrist 3 days/week.
- 6. The patient is awaiting MRI of right wrist.

- 7. Recommend cortisone injections of right elbow (lateral epicondylitis). The patient needs Workers' Compensation Board approval for the injection.
- 8. Follow up in 4 weeks.

## **IMPAIRMENT RATING**: 50%.

<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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