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Re: Bouda, Bruno DOB: 12/31/1986 DOA: 01/29/2022

### INITIAL ORTHOPEDIC CONSULT EXAMINATION

**CHIEF COMPLAINT:** Right knee pain.

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS: A 35-year-old right-hand dominant male involved in a work-related motor vehicle accident on 01/29/1022. While on duty, the patient was a driver and was wearing a seatbelt. The vehicle was struck on the front driver side. 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 Jamaica Hospital Medical Center and was treated and released the same day. The patient presents today complaining of right knee pain sustained in the work-related motor vehicle accident. The patient was attending physical therapy for the last 8 months with no relief.

**WORK HISTORY:** The patient is currently working as Uber driver.

**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 pain medications p.r.n.

**SOCIAL HISTORY:** The patient is a nonsmoker. The patient drinks alcohol socially. 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: negotiating stairs, jogging and exercising.

**PRESENT COMPLAINTS:** Right knee: Right knee pain is 6/10, described as intermittent, sharp, stabbing, dull, achy pain. The patient has weakness. 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 rest.

**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 195 pounds, and BMI is 29.6. The right 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 95/130 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 right lower extremity.

**DIAGNOSTIC TESTING:** MRI of the right knee, done on 03/29/2022, shows intrameniscal tear in the posterior horn of the medial meniscus. 1.2 cm increased T2 signal with underlying bone marrow edema on the anterior articular surface of the medial femoral condyle, consistent with erosive/osteochondral lesion or subcortical cyst. CT of the right knee is recommended for further evaluation. Anterior subcutaneous soft tissue swelling and edema, consistent with recent trauma, in an appropriate clinical setting. Mild joint effusion consistent with recent trauma or synovitis, in an appropriate clinical setting.

## **ASSESSMENT:**

- 1. S83.241A Medial meniscus tear, right knee.
- 2. M23.91 Internal derangement, right knee.
- 3. M25.461 Joint effusion, right knee.
- 4. S80.911A Injury, right knee.
- 5. M25.561 Pain, right knee.
- 6. M65.161 Synovitis, right knee.

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7. M24.10 Chondral lesion, right 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 right knee.
- 4. Continue anti-inflammatory and muscle relaxant medications p.r.n.
- 5. Continue physical therapy for right knee 3 days/week.
- 6. Recommend steroid injections with pain management for right knee. The patient refuses due to side effects.
- 7. Discussed right 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 would like to proceed with surgery.
- 8. 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 right 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 right 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. The patient verbally consents for the arthroscopy of right knee and the patient will be scheduled for right knee surgery. On the day of the surgery, before the procedure, the surgeon will explain all related questions of the procedure. The patient will sign a written consent and be witnessed by the surgeon.
- 14. The patient will follow up 1-2 weeks postop or in 2 months if surgery has not been performed yet.

#### **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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