Provider Checklist-Outpatient – Imaging

Checklist: Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Foot
(CPT Code: 73718, 73719, 73720, 73721, 73722, 73723)

All Indications [*One has to be present]

*Suspected osteomyelitis [Both have to be present]

Findings [One has to be present]

- ESR > 30 mm/hr
- Temperature > 100.4 F(38.0 C)
- WBC > 10,000/cu.mm (10x10^9/L)
- Blood culture positive
- C-reactive protein > 10 mg/L

Foot x-ray nondiagnostic for osteomyelitis

*Soft tissue mass [Both have to be present]

Symptoms [One has to be present]

- Foot pain
- Entrapment neuropathy

Findings [One has to be present]

- Mass by PE and x-ray nondiagnostic for soft tissue mass
- Mass by x-ray

*Suspected bone tumor [One has to be present]

- Sclerosis by x-ray
- Periostitis by x-ray
- Lytic/blastic mass by x-ray
- Cortical destruction by x-ray
- Pathologic fracture by x-ray
*Suspected stress fracture [**All have to be present**]

Stress to the area by Hx

Sx/findings at foot [**One has to be present**]

- Tenderness at site of suspected injury
- Pain increased by weight-bearing/inversion

- No fracture by x-ray
- Continued pain after ≥ 4 wks conservative Rx

*Posterior tibial nerve compression, tarsal tunnel [**All have to be present**]

**Symptoms [**One has to be present**]**

- Pain/dysesthesia of plantar foot
- Paresthesias of the sole of the foot

**Findings [**One has to be present**]**

- Positive Tinel’s sign
- Sensory impairment over medial plantar/lateral plantar nerve branches

-1 Decreased 2-point discrimination
-2 Decreased light touch/

- NCS (Nerve Conduction Study) consistent with compression at tarsal tunnel

**Continued Sx/findings after Rx [**All have to be present**]**

**NSAID [**One has to be present**]**

-1 Rx ≥ 4 wks
-2 Contraindicated/not tolerated

- Heel wedge/Arch support ≥ 6 wks
- Corticosteroid injection [**One has to be present**]

-1 Ineffective
-2 Contraindicated/not tolerated/refused
*Suspected tarsal coalition [Both have to be present]

Sx/findings [One has to be present]

- Pain at site
- Rigid flatfoot
- Pain increased with activity
- Decreased ROM in midfoot and hindfoot

X-ray nondiagnostic for tarsal coalition

*Suspected avascular necrosis (osteonecrosis), metatarsal head [All have to be present]

- Foot pain
- Pain with passive ROM
- Metatarsal fracture/nonunion of fracture by imaging
- Foot x-ray nondiagnostic for avascular necrosis
- Continued pain after immobilization ≥ 6 wks