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Allergies Reviewed August 23, 2024. No known drug alergies

## **Chief Complaints:**

- 1. back symptoms
- back symptoms

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## Medications

Reviewed August 23, 204, orlichesidine gluconate 0.12 % Mucous membrane - Mouthwish amiodipine 10 mg Oral - tablet badicine 20 mg Oral - tablet lieinopri 20 mg Oral - tablet methocarbamot 500 mg Oral - Dose: 1 tablet Trequemor; bid Pepcid 40 mg Oral - tablet hysocytemine autila 0.125 mg Sastingual - Tablet Sublingual

#### HPI: This is a 63 year old male who:

- is being seen for evaluation of back symptoms. Onset or Duration: 1 year. The patient reports back and leg symptoms of equal intensity. Symptoms began gradually without specific injury. At their worst, symptoms are rated as 8 out of 10. Symptoms include numbness or tingling, radiating pain, and weakness. The patient reports having unsteadiness when walking. Symptoms are aggravated by all activities. He has had the following diagnostic studies: x-rays.
- 2. Is being seen for evaluation of back symptoms. Onset or Duration: 2 years. The patient reports back and leg symptoms of equal intensity. Symptoms began gradually without specific injury. At their worst, symptoms are rated as 9 out of 10. Symptoms include numbriess or lingling, radiating pain, and weakness. The patient reports having unsteadiness when walking. Symptoms are aggravated by all activities. Symptoms were not helped by: rest, cold, heat, muscle relaxants, and physical therapy. He has had the following diagnostic studies: x-rays.

Medical History

Patient presents with complaints of lumbar back pain with radiation to his B legs. He denies bowel/bladder incontinence or saddle anesthesia. He completed PT last year but has continued a HEP from the physical therapist for the past 8 months. He takes aleve and bactofen at home.

# Musculoskeletal History

# History Osleoarfiritis

# Musculoskeletal Family History

Hypertension

# Musculoskeletal

Surgery Presthetic arrivoplasity of bilateral hips

Surgical History

Social History Reviewed August 23, 2024, Smoking status - Never smoker

### ROS Previder reviewed on Aug 23, 2024.

A focused review of systems was performed including Allergia / immunologic, Cardiovascusza, Cernicumnary (G.U.), integumentary, Musculoskieletal, Neurological, Psychiatric, and Respiratory and was notable for joint stiffness, frequent unination, and arciaty.

No Joint Pains, No Joint Swelling, No Uneleady Gall, No Numbriess, No Tingling, No Immunosuppression, No Chest Pain, No Shortness Of Breath, And No Depression.

## Vitals:

Date	Taken By	B.P.	Pulse	Resp.	02 Sat.	Temp.	Ht.	Wt.	BMI	BSA
08/23/24	Cooley, Roxanne	200					72.0 in*		0	0
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Date	Taken By	B.P.	Pulse	Resp.	02 Sat.	Temp.	Ht.	Wt.	BMI	BŞA
08/23/24	Cooley, Roxanne							209.0 lbs	0	0
08:23	FiO2									

\*Patient Reported

Exam:

### TL-Spine and Hip

Galt: normal galt

Posture: Normal Posture

Right Iliopsoas: Strength: 5 Left Iliopsoas: Strength: 5

Right Hip Abduction: Strength: 5 Left Hip Abduction: Strength: 5

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Right Quadriceps: Strength: 5 Left Quadriceps: Strength: 5

Right Hamstring: Strength: 5 Left Hamstring: Strength: 5

Right EHL: Strength: 5 Left EHL: Strength: 5

Right Tibialis Anterior: Strength: 5 Left Tibialis Anterior: Strength: 5

Right Plantar Flexion: Strength: 5 Left Plantar Flexion: Strength: 5

## Data Reviewed:

1 Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source (Records reviewed) and 1 Ordering of each unique test (Order MRI - Spine (Spine - Lumber MRI WO contrast (CPT: 72148)))

#### Tests

#### Order Plain X-ray/Interpretation

The following images were ordered and obtained:

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SPINE/PELVIS/CHEST

Spine/Pelvis/Chest: 2-3 Views, L-spine | 1-2 Views, Pelvis

BILATERAL, Initial: Lumbar, 2-3 views; CPT 72100 and Pelvis, 1-2 views; CPT 72170

#### INTERPRETATION(S)

Findings:

AP and lateral L-spine x-rays reviewed in clinic today shows well maintained alignment and disc spaces with age appropriate degeneration.
 Spondylosis throughout. Adequate lumbar lordosis noted. L1 compression fracture. No fractures or lytic lesions noted.

## Impression/Plan:

1. Lumbar Radiculopathy

Radiculopathy, lumbar region (M54.16)

Associated diagnoses: Musculoskeletal Pain, Chronic Low Back Pain, and Spondylosis, Lumbar

## Plan: Recommendations.

The following recommendations were made during the visit:

We had a long discussion today regarding his chronic low back pain with radiation to B legs despite a HEP. After reviewing his x-ray, exam, and symptoms, I believe he is suffering from lumbar radiculopathy. I explained the natural history. I also noted a L1 compression fracture but since patient denies TTP of his lumbar back or recent trauma, I do not believe that the fracture is acute but rather chronic. I recommend a lumbar MRI to evaluate for pathology of the spinal cord and nerve roots. I also recommend gabapentin. He voiced understanding and agreement. I will order a lumbar MRI and he will RTC to discuss the results. We will discuss further treatment options based on the MRI.

#### Plan: Records reviewed.

Office Notes: reviewed previous office notes

## Plan: Prescription Medication Management.

Continue Regimen: Continue with current prescription medication regimen.

Plan: Prescription.

gabapentin 360 mg capsule PO Sig: take one tablet by mouth at night Quantity: 30 Capsule Refilis: 1

Plan: Order MRI - Spine.

Protocol - Lumbar: Spine - Lumbar MRI WO contrast (CPT: 72148) Indication: Lumbar Radiculopathy - M54.16, M79.18, M54.51, M47.816 Allergies No known drug alergies

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Dexiant 60 mg Orai - capsule biphase
delayed releas
Flomas 0.4 mg Orai - capsule
Eismoon 20 mg Orai - sablet
Papod 40 mg Orai - sablet

Medical History

Musculoskeletal History

Musculoskeletal Family History

Musculoskeletal Surgery

Surgical History

Social History Smoking status - Unspecific

ROS Provider reviewed on Mar 17, 2023.

A focused review of systems was performed including Allengic / termunologic, Cerdiovascusiar, Genicurians (G.U.), integrumentary, Musculoskeletal, Neurological, Psychistric, and Respiratory and was notable for joint stiffness, Frequent urnation, and anxioty.

No Joint Pains, No Joint Swelling, No Unsteady Galt, No Numbness, No Tingling, No Immunosuppression, No Chest Pain, No Shortness Of Breath, And No Depression.

## Chief Complaint: F/U Low Back Pain evaluated on February 9, 2023

HPI: This is a 62 year old male who is following up for Low Back Pain (Vertebrogenic tow back pain) on the lumber spine. He was seen on February 9, 2023, at which time Order Plain X-ray/Interpretation was performed and he was treated with PT Rx - Lumbar Spine.

The patient presents for further evaluation and management.

#### Vitals:

Date	Taken By	B.P.	Pulse	Resp.	O2 Sat.	Temp.	Ht.	Wt.	BMI	BSA
03/17/23 08:25	White, Victoria		78		98.0%	1000	72.0 in	208.0 lbs	28.2	2.2
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\* Patient Reported

Exam:

#### **Lower Extremity**

Right lower extremity exam notable for the following: Full range of motion at the hip without pain; normal strength with hip testing; no tenderness pelpation; neurovascular intact Left lower extremity exam notable for the following: Full range of motion at the hip without pain; normal strength with hip testing; no tenderness palpation; neurovascular intact

## Impression/Plan:

#### 1. Low Back Pain

Problem Addressed: Stable chronic illness Vertebrogenic low back pain (M54.51) located on the lumbar soine.

Associated diagnoses: Intervertebral Disc Degeneration, Lumbosacral Region (Stable chronic illness) and Lumbar Radiculopathy (Stable chronic illness)

## Plan: Counseling - Low Back Pain.

Musculoskeletal Care: I discussed with the patient the importance of keeping your back and stomach muscles strong, using good posture, learning the safest way to lift heavy objects, and learning to manage stress. I discussed with the patient that bedrest longer than a day or two is generally not recommended. Exercise programs that are focused on weight loss, cardiovascular conditioning, stretching, and trunk strengthening appear to be the most helpful at alleviating low back pain. Activity modification was stressed as an important means of preventing reinjury. The patient was advised that physical therapy may be useful in some cases. Expectations: There are many causes of low back pain including sprain/strain, arthritis, fracture, and tumor. There are many types of treatment for low back pain. The type of treatment rendered depends on the cause of the low back pain. Physical examination and radiographic work-up are important initial steps during work-up. It may take several weeks to months for low back pain to resolve, and it is not uncommon for the condition to recur. Contact Office if low back pain worsens, if you develop numbness or tingling in your legs or buttocks, or if you notice any change in your bowel or bladder control.

## Medication Counseling

Acetaminophen: Acetaminophen is a drug that is commonly used as a pain reliever. The maximum daily dose is 4 grams. The dosing for a child is based on the child's age and weight. Since acetaminophen is metabolized by the liver, any drug that affects the liver can change the level of acetaminophen in your body. The potential for acetaminophen to damage the liver is increased if it is used with alcohol. Acetaminophen may increase the blood thinning effect of cournadin. Long term administration of acetaminophen with cournadin should be discussed with your physician. Side effects from acetaminophen are uncommon. The most serious effect is liver damage if used in large doses. The patient verbalized understanding of the proper use and possible adverse effects of acetaminophen. All of the patient's questions and concerns were addressed.

Muscle Relaxants: I discussed with the patients that muscle relaxants can cause dizziness or drowsiness. The patient was advised to avoid driving until they are familiar with any side effects of these drugs.

After counseling the patient, we decided on the following plan: Conservative Management

#### Plan: Additional Notes

Patient Specific Notes: Patient presents today complaining of low back pain. He reports physical therapy did help. He is on a muscle relaxer on a daily basis. This is more for his severe GERD disease also. He is not on

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any gabapentin but he does not want to start that now. Overall he has improved we will see him back as needed. He does not want to proceed with an MRI at this time.

Plan: Separate and Identifiable Documentation.

patient is in agreement with plan of care if symptoms worsen of change they will come back to clinic soon

Patient will continue per plan with home therapy

Follow up PRN

Electronically Signed By:

FNP-BC, 03/17/2023 08:45 AM CDT