

Thank you for the opportunity to evaluate your client, \_\_\_\_\_, for opinion regarding her bilateral shoulders, related to her motor vehicle crash on or about December 18, 2020. Please find attached notes from her medical visit, and below, responses to your specific questions regarding \_\_\_\_\_.

Specific questions:

1. A complete shoulder examination was performed including multiple provocative tests to assess specific anatomical structures and injury patterns. She was additionally tested for range-of-motion and manual motor testing.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ had pain with manual motor testing and multiple positive tests which implicate involvement of the long head biceps tendon or its anatomical anchor.
3. Currently \_\_\_\_\_ has documented symptoms and working diagnosis is associated with the symptom of 'shoulder pain'. Further studies would be recommended to evaluate if additional structural pathology might be identified.
4. Prognosis depends on delineation of a specific diagnosis or structural pathology.
5. Establishing expectation regarding whether injuries are permanent in nature would also depend on the specifics of structural evaluation/diagnosis.
6. Opinions are based upon clinical examination and assessment of the context of injuries. Most specifically, the duration of symptoms and inability to resume normal activities create high index of suspicion which warrants further diagnostic steps such as advanced imaging.
7. It is with high medical certainty that the current symptoms were caused by the motor vehicle collision.
8. No better explanation for the current symptoms was identified.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ did not have her current shoulder-related symptoms, or any prior shoulder injuries as pre-existing factors.
10. There are no injuries of the current discussion, which were not caused by the car crash.
11. The future care and treatment recommendations would depend upon assessment of structural status to develop appropriate care plan and estimation of future needs.
12. The expense related to future care would depend mainly on whether the imaging of shoulder soft tissue reveals structural damage which requires surgical repair or if the expected treatment plan would be more based on non-operative therapies.
13. The records I have available regarding treatment to date are found to be mainly reasonable and appropriate, though the duration of persistent, significantly limiting symptoms for her age, suggest somewhat slow progression of the process.

Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions regarding this assessment of \_\_\_\_\_. I will provide further assessment once advanced imaging studies are available to help understand the nature of her injuries to a more complete degree.

With best regards,

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