



02/11/10

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Re:	Tiffany Anderson
Claim Number:	VE0700184
DOI:	06/19/08
DOB:	08/22/70
DOK:	02/04/10
Employer:	Vector
Claims Examiner:	Mackenzie Dawson
Carrier:	AIMS
AMC Case #:	70363

Utilization Review / Peer Review Report

Dear Dr. Murata,

After reviewing the available information, my recommendation to the carrier is as follows:

Requested Service/Procedure :

**Right knee arthroscopy, partial lateral
meniscectomy and excision of a lateral meniscal
cyst**

Determination:

Certify

Teleconference: I spoke to Dr. Gary Murata on 02/10/10 at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Coast Time. He stressed that this patient did have a second injury since arthroscopic surgery of 09/22/08. On his examination, he has found a cyst over the lateral meniscus, which is tender. The patient has had all conservative treatment and is not improving. There is a third MRI study read by Dr. Fhrago dated 12/01/09. This showed a horizontal cleavage tear of the lateral meniscus, which extended into the anterior horn into the superior articular surface. A lateral meniscal cyst 8 x 12 x 11 mm was also present.

Clinical History: This claimant has an initial date of injury given as 06/19/08. A second injury, however, has occurred but Dr. Murata could not find that date, but it did occur following her initial surgery.

The clinical summary indicates Dr. Murata saw this patient on 06/19/08 and he recommended arthroscopic surgery and excision of the lateral meniscus. Dr. Murata saw this patient on the 08/22/08 and she was out of work and had knee pain. Anterolateral joint line was tender. An MRI study showed a tear of the anterior horn of the lateral meniscus. Dr. Murata performed arthroscopic surgery on 09/22/08. He found a complex lateral meniscus tear with horizontal and radial components. He resected 30% of the meniscus down to a stable base. There was some chondromalacia of the media femoral condyle, which was trimmed. The second MRI study was done and was read by Dr. Ditrich, which showed a horizontal cleavage tear of the lateral meniscus, which was nearly circumferential. There was a small joint effusion

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*Utilization Review strictly analyzes treatment plan.
Allied Managed Care does not affirm the acceptance of this workers compensation claim.*