**Provider Checklist-Outpatient –Imaging**

**Checklist: Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Elbow**

 **(CPT Code: 73221, 73222, 73223)**

All Indications [**\*One has to be present**]

 **\***Chronic monarticular joint pain [**All have to be present**]

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

 Joint pain

 Locking

 Findings at elbow [**Two have to be present**]

 Pain with passive ROM

 Limited ROM

 Tenderness

 Crepitus

 Joint effusion/swelling

 Elbow x−ray nondiagnostic for etiology of pain

 Continued symptoms after Rx [**Both have to be present**]

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

 -1 Rx ≥ 4 wks

 -2 Contraindicated/not tolerated

 OT/PT ≥ 6 wks

 **\***Suspected intra−articular loose body [**All have to be present**]

 Symptoms at elbow [One has to be present]

 Joint pain

 212 Locking

 Findings at elbow [**Two have to be present**]

 Pain with passive ROM

 Limited ROM

 Clicking/crepitus

 Elbow x−ray nondiagnostic for loose body

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

 Elbow pain

 Pain with passive ROM

 Elbow x−ray nondiagnostic for avascular necrosis

 Radial head fracture/nonunion of fracture by imaging

 Continued pain after immobilization ≥ 6 wks

 **\***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(10x109/L)

 Blood culture positive

 C−reactive protein > 10 mg/L

 Elbow x−ray nondiagnostic for osteomyelitis

 **\***Suspected ulnar collateral ligament (UCL) injury [**All have to be present**]

 Elbow injury by Hx

 Tenderness of medial elbow

 Instability with valgus stress testing

 **\***Suspected biceps/triceps tendon tear [**Both have to be present**]

 Elbow injury by Hx

 Weakness of flexion/extension