**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