**Provider Checklist-Outpatient –Imaging**

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

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

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

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

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

Joint pain

Locking

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

Pain with passive ROM

Limited ROM

Tenderness

Crepitus

Joint effusion/swelling

Wrist x−ray nondiagnostic for etiology of pain

Continued Sx/findings after Rx [**Both have to be present**]

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

-1 Rx ≥ 4 wks

-2 Contraindicated/not tolerated

Splint/cast ≥ 6 wks

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

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

Joint pain

Locking

Findings at wrist [**Both have to be present**]

Pain with passive ROM

Limited ROM

Wrist x−ray nondiagnostic for loose body

**\***Suspected ligamentous/TFCC injury [**All have to be present**]

Injury to wrist by Hx

Wrist pain

Findings at wrist [**Both have to be present**]

Pain with provocative wrist maneuvers/palpation

Weakness

Wrist x−ray nondiagnostic for etiology of pain

Continued Sx/findings after NSAID [**One has to be present**]

Rx ≥ 4 wks

Contraindicated/not tolerated

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

Pain at proximal carpal row by Hx

Pain with passive ROM

Tenderness at lunate

Wrist x−ray nondiagnostic for avascular necrosis

Continued pain after immobilization ≥ 6 wks

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

Wrist pain

Pain with passive ROM

Wrist x−ray nondiagnostic for avascular

Scaphoid 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

Wrist x−ray nondiagnostic for osteomyelitis

**\***Suspected scaphoid fracture [**All have to be present**]

Pain at scaphoid

Pain with passive ROM/palpation of scaphoid

X−ray nondiagnostic for fracture at initial evaluation

Pain unimproved after immobilization ≥ 1 wk and repeat x−ray nondiagnostic for fracture