**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