**Provider Checklist-Outpatient –Imaging**

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

 **(CPT Code: 73718, 73719, 73720, 73721, 73722, 73723)**

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

 **\***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

 Foot x−ray nondiagnostic for osteomyelitis

 **\***Soft tissue mass [**Both have to be present**]

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

 Foot pain

 Entrapment neuropathy

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

 Mass by PE and x−ray nondiagnostic for soft tissue mass

 Mass by x−ray

 **\***Suspected bone tumor [**One has to be present**]

 Sclerosis by x−ray

 Periostitis by x−ray

 Lytic/blastic mass by x−ray

 Cortical destruction by x−ray

 Pathologic fracture by x−ray

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

 Stress to the area by Hx

 Sx/findings at foot [**One has to be present**]

 Tenderness at site of suspected injury

 Pain increased by weight−bearing/inversion

 No fracture by x−ray

 Continued pain after ≥ 4 wks conservative Rx

 **\***Posterior tibial nerve compression, tarsal tunnel [**All have to be present**]

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

 Pain/dysesthesia of plantar foot

 Paresthesias of the sole of the foot

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

 Positive Tinel's sign

 Sensory impairment over medial plantar/lateral plantar nerve branches [**One has to be present**]

 -1 Decreased 2−point discrimination

 -2 Decreased light touch/

 NCS (Nerve Conduction Study)consistent with compression at tarsal tunnel

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

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

 -1 Rx ≥ 4 wks

 -2 Contraindicated/not tolerated

 Heel wedge/arch support ≥ 6 wks

 Corticosteroid injection [**One has to be present**]

 -1 Ineffective

 -2 Contraindicated/not tolerated/refused

 **\***Suspected tarsal coalition [**Both have to be present**]

 Sx/findings [**One has to be present**]

 Pain at site

 Rigid flatfoot

 Pain increased with activity

 Decreased ROM in midfoot and hindfoot

 X−ray nondiagnostic for tarsal coalition

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

 Foot pain

 Pain with passive ROM

 Metatarsal fracture/nonunion of fracture by imaging

 Foot x−ray nondiagnostic for avascular necrosis

 Continued pain after immobilization ≥ 6 wks