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**Fluoroscopic Examination of the Spine:**

AP fluoroscopic examination of the spine was performed to confirm segmentation and determine appropriate level of needle placement. 22 sec.

**Sacroiliac Joint Injection:**

Under contralateral oblique fluoroscopic imaging, the posterior-inferior aspect of the SI joint below the posterior superior iliac spine was identified. Prior to needle placement, the skin, subcutaneous, and deep muscular tissues along the trajectory of needle were infiltrated with Lidocaine 1% 5 ml. Through the skin wheal and along the fluoroscopic beam, a 22g 3.5 inch spinal needle was advanced. Lateral imaging demonstrated depth of needle and assisted with needle advancement. After negative aspiration for CSF and heme. 2 ml Bupivacaine 0.25% and 0.5 ml Depo-medrol 40 mg / ml injected at each level. Stylet replaced and needle removed easily with tip intact. Pressure applied, back cleansed, protective covering placed.

**Disposition:**

Patient tolerated the procedure very well and was monitored in recovery for > 30 minutes. Examination of the patient showed no new motor or sensory deficit or evidence of bleeding. Denied paresthesia during procedure. Patient given a post-procedure information sheet at discharge and instructed to call the clinic for questions or concerns.

Understand patient to follow-up with referring physician shortly to discuss outcome of today's procedure. Will make self available for additional evaluation and/or treatment as suggested by referring physician.

**Assessment**

1. Sacroiliitis 720.2
2. Lumbar Disc Degeneration 722.52

**Plan**

Kim had a SI joint injection today for both diagnostic and therapeutic purpose. She tolerated the procedure well and was not having pain after injection in the SI joint area, she found it easier to sit as well. She is going to follow with her physician for further treatment. It has been a pleasure to treat Kim with her pain and dysfunction. Please call with any questions.

**Signatures**

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