

EXAM DATE: Jun-29-2011

Northwest Orthopaedic Specialist South - Magnetic Resonance Imaging

MRI LOWER EXTREMITY; WITHOUT CONTRAST (CPT)

MRI LEFT ANKLE

CLINICAL INFORMATION:

Injury October 2010. Persistent pain and swelling.

COMPARISON:

Radiographs dated 06/21/2011.

PROCEDURE:

Coronal T1, T2 and PD. Sagittal and axial T2. Sedation: None.

FINDINGS:

1. Bone Marrow: Normal. No acute fracture deformities.
2. Joint Spaces: Fluid in the tibiotalar joint is felt to be at the upper limits of normal.
3. Extensor Tendons: Intact.
4. Peroneal Tendons: Intact.
5. Medial Tendons: Intact.
6. Achilles Tendon: Intact.
7. Deltoid Ligament Complex: Intact.
8. Lateral Ligament Complex: Lateral ligaments are intact. There is some thickening of the anterior tibiofibular ligament near the tibial origin, as seen on image #13 and #14 of series #2. This finding is deep to the marker. Findings may represent sequelae of a prior partial tear. This thickening does partially extend into the anterolateral gutter. Anterolateral impingement seems unlikely but not completely excluded.
9. Sinus Tarsi: Normal.
10. Tarsal Tunnel: Normal.
11. Articular Cartilage: Normal.

IMPRESSION:

Some mild thickening of the tibial origin of the anterior tibiofibular ligament, deep to the marker in the area concern. The ligament is intact however this may represent some thickening / fibrosis related to a prior partial tear. This thickening does partially extend into the anterolateral gutter. Anterolateral impingement seems unlikely however is not excluded. The surrounding soft tissues and bone marrow are normal. Lateral ligaments are otherwise intact. Otherwise negative MRI left ankle.

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