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Dear Ms Kurth,

I have reviewed the elbow chapter of the ODG. The recommendations adequately address the most common elbow diagnosis. As I mentioned, I utilize the ODG when reviewing treatment recommendations for my patients or when performing independent medical evaluations. I believe adopting these recommendations will benefit the injured worker and the adjusters who are dealing with these cases. One issue I noticed is the recommended treatment for chronic olecranon bursitis. This generally can be treated nonoperatively but there will be an occasional case that is recalcitrant and will require bursectomy. The ODG recommend's no surgery for this condition. There will likely be other unique situations which can be addressed on a case by case basis.

I also believe the Industrial Commission of Arizona should be proactive regarding stem cell injections. This treatment will likely be addressed in the ODG recommendations very shortly. I anticipate they will follow the autologous blood and platelet rich plasma injection recommendations and will be considered appropriate as a second line treatment for some orthopedic conditions. The product is reasonably priced by most vendors but I understand that some physicians are charging thousands of dollars to administer the injection. The technique required for the injection is no more complicated than a cortisone injection and should be reimbursed accordingly. Another issue I have with some of the providers in this community is the routine use of ultrasound guidance for injections. Most of these injections are quite simple to perform without requiring use of ultrasound equipment. I have no issue with using ultrasound visualization, but I don't feel there should be an additional charge. Those providers that have already purchased an ultrasound machine will likely opine differently.

Sincerely,

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