

Patient Name - Medical Opinion

DOB: MM/DD/YYYY

DOI: 05/11/YYYY

Summary of merit:

From the available medical records, it is with a degree of reasonable medical certainty; I professionally opine that the injuries sustained by Mr. XXXX were related to the dog bite incident on 05/11/YYYY which caused him significant pain and suffering, emotional trauma and post traumatic disorder. The treatment provided to Mr. XXXX from the date of injury and probably need for scar revision procedure were indicated and necessary.

Date of incident: 05/11/YYYY

Mechanism of injury: On May 11, YYYY, at 02:10 p.m., XXXX, working for ABC delivery was assigned to deliver packages via ABC flex. After he fully parked and started walking towards the residence to deliver the package, your insured, Mr. XXXX opened his house door and his two dogs followed barking towards him. While Mr. XXXX was attempting to contain the two dogs, another giant black dog ran towards him and all the sudden jumped over and started to bite him on his right shoulder.

Injuries:

- Bite injury to the right shoulder
- Right shoulder nerve impingement
- Dog bite scar in the right shoulder

Treatment rendered:

- ER visit for treatment of dog bite.
- Suturing of the right shoulder scar and suture removal
- Antibiotics to prevent infection.
- Need for physical therapy.

Damages:

- Right shoulder dog bite injury

- Need for antibiotics and pain medications.
- Need for multiple hospital and office visits.
- Need for physical therapy and rehabilitation.
- Possible future need for scar revision surgery
- Pain and suffering
- Emotional distress
- Post traumatic stress disorder.
- Loss of wages
- Financial implications due to hospitalization and treatment
- Morbidity from all the above

Medical Expenses (Validated - seems like required medical expenses):

ACB Immediate Clinic	:	\$637.00
AB Inc PS	:	\$93.60
ABC Center	:	\$4,326.95
BCM America LLC	:	\$639.00
AC Health Center	:	\$372.00
Total Medical Expenses	:	\$6,068.55

Future medical expenses:

Need for scar revision surgery	:	\$3000 to 4000
Need for hospitalization (including investigations and antibiotics)	:	\$10000 to 20000

Case overview:

On May 11, YYYY, at 02:10 p.m., XXXX, working for ABC delivery was assigned to deliver packages via ABC flex. He parked his car when the ABC Flex App prompted him to do so. After he fully parked and started walking towards the residence to deliver the package, your insured, Mr. XXXX opened his house door and his two dogs followed barking towards him. While Mr. XXXX was attempting to contain the two dogs, another giant black dog ran towards him and all the sudden jumped over and started to bite him on his right shoulder. Mr. XXXX was shocked and terrified by the incident. When he cried for help from Mr. XXXX, he was not even sympathetic and was not able to help. While Mr. XXXX was covered by blood on the right side of his shoulder, he asked the Mr. XXXX to give him Band-Aid and other emergency supplies. Mr. XXXX was busy in trying to find excuses and Mr. XXXX saw no hope. He witnessed Mr. XXXX tried to refuse helping him, therefore, he called ABC flex to report the incident. Mr. XXXX drove back to the ABC station to report the

incident and return the remaining packages.

The person in charge took incident report and immediately Mr. XXXX went to CHS clinic in XXXX for treatment. The CHS personnel referred him to Immediate Clinic where he got stitches and other forms of treatments.

Both ABC and Mr. XXXX tried to reach out the dog owner, Mr. XXXX to get information regarding the immunization history. But the owner decided not to respond to their calls. Mr. XXXX called the XXXX Police on May 13th, and they referred him to the Animal Services of Snohomish County. On May 13, YYYY, an official notice to Quarantine the dog from May 11, YYYY, through May 21, YYYY, was issued by the officer, Timothy Lewis – Snohomish County Animal Control Services.

Soon after the incident, On May 11, YYYY, Mr. XXXX presented to MC Immediate Clinic XXXX where he was evaluated by Gabriel Marcu, PA-C and XXXX, MD for the injuries he sustained because of the dog bite. He reported punctured skin, multiple wounds, and bXXXXding in his chest because of the incident. On examination, he displayed 4 scratches/bites on the upper right chest. One was deeper, about 1.5 cm, the others were superficial, about the same size, all bXXXXding. Following physical examination, Mr. XXXX was diagnosed to have dog bite. He underwent wound care and was prescribed Augmentin to manage his symptoms. He was instructed to apply ice packs for 10 minutes periodically for additional comfort. He was advised to follow up with primary care physician in seven to ten days. He was recommended to go to emergency room if his symptoms worsened.

In the days following the dog bite incident, Mr. XXXX's pain symptoms continued to worsen further. Therefore, on May 14, YYYY, he presented to Emergency Department of ABC Medical Center, where he was evaluated by Kevin Keating, PA-C. He complained of pain in his right anterior shoulder as a result of the dog bite incident. He stated that he presented to an Immediate Clinic where he received stitches and was started on antibiotics. He claimed that the area surrounding the dog bite continued to bXXXXd actively, and that his right shoulder was painful with range of motion. Mr. XXXX had to undergo an ultrasound study of his chest and laboratory investigations for further evaluation of his injuries. He was medicated with Unasyn, Motrin, and Tylenol-Codeine to alleviate his symptoms. He was prescribed Tylenol- Codeine. He was recommended to continue Augmentin and add Motrin as needed for pain. He received a work excuse note recommending him to excuse him from work, due to medical reasons, until cleared by his provider. He was recommended to follow up closely with primary care physician for further care. He was advised to follow up with Edmonds, Community Health Center of Snohomish County. Subsequently, he was discharged from the facility.

On May 21, YYYY, Mr. XXXX returned to MC Immediate Clinic XXXX where he was evaluated by Nathan Merriam, FNP for follow up on dog bite. He underwent suture removal, and the suture area

was cleansed. He was instructed to monitor for signs of infection. He was then discharged from the facility.

Mr. XXXX pain symptoms continued to grow further. He experienced immense pain in his right shoulder, which was sharp, worsened with activity. Therefore, on October 9, YYYY, he presented to Ahmed Marzouk, PAC - Community Health Center of Snohomish County (Exhibit-4) for evaluation and management of the lingering pain symptoms. He ranked the pain level as 8/10 on a numeric scale. He underwent a physical examination which revealed palpable tenderness and decreased range of motion in his right shoulder. Following physical examination, Mr. XXXX was diagnosed to have right shoulder pain that had progressively worsened. He was prescribed Naproxen and Cyclobenzaprine to alleviate his symptoms. He received Ketorolac intramuscularly.

On October 16, YYYY, and October 25, YYYY, Mr. XXXX had to receive physical therapy from XXXX, PT - Physical Therapy for the complaint of pain in right shoulder. He presented with signs and symptoms consistent with physician's diagnosis of right shoulder pain secondary to impingement. On examination, Mr. XXXX demonstrated muscle spasms, muscle weakness, abnormal posture, difficulty lifting, overhead tasks, sitting, XXXX ping, walking, and decreased function. A plan was made to proceed with physical therapy twice a week for six weeks. His treatment plan was comprised of therapeutic exercise, manual therapy, neuromuscular re-education, therapeutic activities, and hot/cold packs. As of October 25, YYYY, he continued to experience difficulty lifting, reaching overhead, sitting, XXXX ping, walking, and decreased function. He was recommended continue participating in skilled physical therapy services to address his impairments.

On November 08, YYYY, Mr. XXXX returned to PT Damaso - Physical Therapy for the complaints of having continued difficulty with lifting overhead. On examination, he continued to demonstrate decreased muscle strength in his right shoulder due to pain. Orthopedic testing, Neer's impingement sign was continued to be positive on the right shoulder. Following therapy, he was discharged from the facility. Though discharged, he was recommended to continue his home exercise program.
