CPD EVENT RECORD

Case-Based Discussion



Summary

This case concerned a 47-year-old female primary school teacher. She had a 5-year history of unilateral forearm/elbow pain, which had gradually spread to her shoulder and neck. MRI, nerve conduction and CT were reported as unremarkable. She also reported pain across the dorsal wrist, but there were no carpal restrictions or indications of OA.

Many suggestions were offered, including evaluation of pelvic and spinal alignment, treatment of specific trigger points (especially subscapularis). It was also thought that accessing the MR imagery might be helpful, as radiologists sometimes overlook aspects of interest to MSK practitioners. Examination of, and treatment to the elbow was suggested, and the potential for stress to be a component was raised. Thoracic Outlet Syndrome was also suggested.



Evaluation, Reflection and Impact on Practice (this part of the certificate is **not** automatically generated - it has been entered by the participant)

This case posed some interesting challenges and was useful in helping me develop my clinical thinking to include the less obvious aspects surrounding pain. This will be helpful even in patients not presenting with these specific symptoms.