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Mr. Hans Mast
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RE: Paul Dulberg

Dear Mr. Mast,

Mr. Dulberg was previously seen by my associate, Dr. Mitchell Grobman, in 2002 for left ulnar neuropathy, and had surgery and essentially became asymptomatic by 2007 and who had never had difficulty in his right arm. Approximately a month prior to the evaluation, he had been holding a branch for a neighbor when the chainsaw came up and cut his right forearm. He was taken to Northern Illinois Medical Center where they put in inner stitches in the muscle and outer stitches. He originally had very significant pain, but as the pain was getting better, he started noticing that he had numbness in his fifth digit in the inner aspect of his forearm. He had not been dropping things. It was mostly just a tingling and a numb feeling. He denies ever having any right-sided symptoms or right-sided injuries. His examination was significant for a healing scar in the right forearm and for decreased light touch, pinprick, and temperature sensation in the ulnar distribution of the right arm. His strength was normal. Given the distribution, it was felt that this was a branch neuropathy to the sensory nerves. I did have him undergo nerve conduction to make sure that the median and ulnar nerves were all without involvement and they were. I recommended that he see a hand surgeon as well just to be certain that there were no other treatment options for him; however, most likely this was just a sensory branch neuropathy that may improve or may result in permanent numbness in the distribution that he was showing numbness. Mr. Dulberg should followup if any additional symptoms develop or if he wished to try any neuropathic pain treatment if it became painful and not just numb.

Sincerely,

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