

## **Assessment of Public Comment**

During the public comment period, the Board received approximately 4 unique written comments.

One comment provided a list of typographical errors in the revised proposal, and the Board has corrected typographical errors in response to this comment.

### **Elbow**

One comment from a physician requested additional changes to further allow NCS and EMG studies. The Guideline already addresses these studies, and the Board considered this comment and does not believe additional changes are necessary, so no change has been made in response to this comment.

One comment from a society pointed out a typographical error of “grove” where it should say “groove.” The Board has corrected these errors.

### **Foot and Ankle**

One comment from a physician agreed with the premise of the Guideline but indicated confusion with the wording of “initial evaluation” for this guideline, saying that NCS should be allowed as long as the patient has been symptomatic for at least four weeks. Since the Board already made changes in the original proposal to the language in the initial diagnosis definition to allow these studies as appropriate, no change has been made in response to this comment.

### **Hip and Groin**

One comment from a physician opined that the MTG does not properly address all hip and groin injuries, such as inguinal neuralgia. The Board considered this comment and does not believe additional changes are necessary, so no change to the proposal has been made in response to this comment.

One comment from a society pointed out an error where it said “syndome” instead of “syndrome.” The Board has corrected these errors.

One comment from a society recommended a change to the diagnostic imaging section for subacute or chronic lateral hip pain where there is diagnostic uncertainty, and to remove reference to MR Arthogram and replace with MRI. The Board has made these suggested changes.

One comment from a society recommended adding language stating “for lower extremity stress fractures (including navicular stress fractures) that do not respond or that are displaced” on page 117. The Board has made this change.

Changes made:

- Miscellaneous typographical and/or grammatical errors corrected
- Changed “grove” to “groove” throughout document
- Changed “syndome” to “syndrome”
- Removed references to MR Arthogram and replace with MRI and added language for when there is subacute or chronic lateral hip pain when there is diagnostic uncertainty, as well as adding indications to this section
- Added language stating “for lower extremity stress fractures (including navicular stress fractures) that do not respond or that are displaced” on page 117
- Effective date changed to January 21, 2021