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ULTRASOUND REPORT

PATIENT NAME:

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ULTRASOUND EVALUATION OF THE BILATERAL SHOULDER

Ultrasound evaluation of the bilateral shoulder is performed utilizing appropriate transverse and longitudinal scanning motions.

The following pathologic changes are observed:

The shoulder was evaluated and compared bilaterally. Consideration was given to a previous diagnosis (04/25/2011) of bilateral partial thickness rotator cuff tears involving the distal supraspinatus tendons. The patient had received a series of prolotherapy injections. The original sonographic images of the partially torn bilateral supraspinatus tendon were compared to today's films. **Today's examination revealed considerable improvement of the torn and disrupted tendon fibers.** Areas of heightened acoustic signal were noted within the interstitial fibers consistent with fibrosis, scar tissue and adhesions. **There appeared to be increased thickness of the tendon when compared to the previous ultrasound.** The jagged edges of the torn tendon fibers noted in the original ultrasound appeared to be diminished, replaced by regenerated tissue, perhaps fibrosis. **The inflammatory changes visualized in the previous ultrasound also appeared to be significantly diminished during today's exam.** The bilateral AC joint reveals persistent degenerative joint disease accompanied by osteophytic formation. Lastly, the bilateral long head biceps tendon maintains its position and morphology.

IMPRESSION:

Status post bilateral partial thickness rotator cuff tear with subsequent prolotherapy treatment (appears to be healing nicely).

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