Ischiofemoral Impingement Syndrome

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Clinical Image

A 26-year-old female presents to the Orthopedic Outpatient Clinic due to a right hip pain, radiating to the lower extremity for 3 months.

She also noted as an audible, painful clunking and a grinding sensation in her hip during hip flexion. She has no history of injury or surgery. Physical examination revealed full range of motion in right hip joints; right hip joint produced an audible click as the hip moves from flexion to extension. She can kneel down with knees close together. MRI revealed quadratus femoris muscle edema with concurrent narrowing of the ischiofemoral space (Figure 1). Ischiofemoral impingement syndrome was diagnosed on that basis. After four weeks of the non steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and physical therapy, pain of the right hip was decreased and the hip snapping sensation was resolved. At the 8-month clinical follow-up, the patient have no complaining of right hip pain.

Figure 1: Quadratus femoris muscle edema with concurrent narrowing of the ischiofemoral space.