

**WAC 246-915-130 Initial evaluation—Referral—Recommendations—Follow-up.** (1) Initial evaluation of a patient shall include history, patient's chief complaint, examination, and recommendation for treatment.

(a) Direct referral of a patient by an authorized health care practitioner may be by telephone, letter, email, fax, or in person;

(b) If the instructions are oral, the physical therapist may administer treatment accordingly, but shall make a notation in the patient record describing the nature of the treatment, the date administered, the name of the patient receiving treatment, and the name of the referring authorized health care practitioner.

(2) The physical therapist will follow-up each patient visit with the appropriate recordkeeping as defined in WAC 246-915-200.

(3) For patient reevaluations the licensed physical therapist shall at a minimum visually see the patient.

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