

PHYSICAL THERAPY DECISION CHART FOR CPT® EVALUATION CODES BY COMPLEXITY

*Effective 1/1/17

Patient Name: _____ DOB: _____
 Medical Dx: _____
 Treatment Dx: _____

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		PHYSICAL THERAPY				
CPT® Codes	Old Codes	97001		97002		
	New Codes	97161	97162	97163	97164	
	Complexity	Low	Moderate	High	RE-EVAL	
HISTORY (Subjective)		0 Factors	1-2 Factors	3+ Factors	N/A	HISTORY (Subjective)
Past Medical and Therapy History for Primary Presenting Problem		Personal Factors and Comorbidities: *Personal Factors: Age, sex, coping style, social history, education, profession, behavior *Relevant Co-morbidities *Prior Level of Function *Prior Treatment Approaches *Significant Medications *Barriers to progress *Number of other significant providers			Re-evaluation for an established patient when medically necessary	
EXAM (Objective)		1-2 Elements	3+ Elements	4+ Elements	Yes	EXAM (Objective)
Systems Review, Tests and Measures, Measurable Assessment or Functional Outcomes		Systems Reviewed / Tests Used in Each: *Musculoskeletal: ROM, strength, posture *Neuromuscular: Balance, gait, motor control, transitions, locomotion, gait *Cardiovascular/Pulmonary: Vitals, edema, activity tolerance *Integumentary: Skin integrity, scar formation *Other: Cognition, Level of Consciousness, Orientation, Communication, Barriers to Learning Elements from above Systems Review: 1-Body Structure of each system above 2-Body Functions of each system above 3-Activity Limitation based on systems review: Difficulty or inability to perform what tasks due abnormal findings in what system above? I.e.: Inability to transfer safely due to B LE strength deficit; Inability to ambulate >30 feet due to 4-Participation Restriction: Problems participating in life situations (i.e.: Inability to care for self, Inability to work)			Re-evaluation should include Tests and Measures, measurable outcomes. Documented change in function and need for revised plan of care.	List Systems / Tests
CLINICAL PRESENTATION		Stable	Evolving	Unstable	N/A	Clinical Presentation
		Predictable progression, no fluctuation	Changing, new symptoms emerging, or has cognitive deficits that impact POC	Fluctuations, new symptoms, unpredictable, or significant cog deficits		
Use the Information Above to Determine the Complexity of Clinical Decision Making Below						
CLINICAL DECISION MAKING - COMPLEXITY (Assessment)		LOW	MODERATE	HIGH	RE-EVAL	Clinical Decision Making - Determines Complexity (Assessment)
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		Looking at above Hx, Exam and Clinical Presentation / Stability - Decide on Level of Complexity			Only 1 level of complexity for re-evaluation	
		Consider: Need for collaboration, coordination with other professionals				
		Consider Typical Face-To-Face Time			Typical Time	
		20 min	30 min	45 min	20 min	
DEVELOP PLAN OF CARE (Plan)		Develop therapy plan of care based on all factors above. Does NOT factor into complexity decision.				Therapy Plan of Care (Plan)