

Consultation/Transfer of Care/Referral

Consultation – “A consultation is a type of evaluation and management service provided at the request of another physician or appropriate source to either recommend care for a specific condition or problem or to determine whether to accept responsibility for ongoing management of the patient’s entire care or for the care of a specific condition or problem.”

Transfer of Care –“ Services that constitute transfer of care (ie, are provided for the management of the patient’s entire care or for the care of a specific condition or problem) are reported with the appropriate new or established patient codes for office or outpatient visits.”

NOTE: Evaluate and Treat=Referral=Transfer of Care

BEST PRACTICE TIPS

Originating providers:

- Document intention clearly
- *Please see Mr. X and advise on management of hypothyroidism*
- *Please see Ms. Y to evaluate and manage uncontrolled type I DM and associated peripheral neuropathy*

Receiving providers:

- Document receipt of request:
 - *Patient is seen in consultation at the request of Dr. X for chronic migraine*
 - *Patient is referred by Dr. Y for management of eczema*
- Document intention of management clearly
 - *Assuming management of this patient’s diabetes, I would like to see the patient for f/u in 2 weeks*
 - *I recommend initiation of PPI & dietary discretion for GERD and would be happy to see this patient as needed at your request*

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