Acceptance and Scheduling of Consults

Purpose
This document explains the procedure for new consults and scheduling.

Audience
This information is intended for all members of the Rehabilitation Services staff.

Policy
The Department of Rehabilitation Services shall accept and record consults in such a manner as to expedite the initiation of evaluation and treatment. Scheduling of patients shall be done efficiently as possible in order to minimize delay of patient care.

Consult
Consults for physical therapy, occupational therapy should include orders to evaluate and treat the diagnosis of the patient, and include patient problems and precautions relevant to the treatment of the patient.

New consults are required under the following circumstances:
- Initial request for assessment and/or treatment for each patient.
- Change in patient diagnosis or therapy intervention required.