

**HACKETTSTOWN MEDICAL CENTER
PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROCEDURE MANUAL
COMMUNICATION WITHIN REHABILITATION SERVICES**

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POLICY

In order to offer comprehensive rehabilitation services for all patients, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy will work in cooperation with the other areas of Rehabilitation Services; i.e., Speech Therapy, Respiratory Therapy, Cardiology.

PROCEDURE

1. If, in the Physical or Occupational Therapy evaluation or treatment of a patient, it is felt this patient would benefit from the services of another area in Rehabilitation Services, that department will be consulted on the recommendations.
2. In the case of inpatients, Nursing will be notified by Physical or Occupational Therapy to request a physician order for the consultation by the other department(s).
3. In the case of outpatients, the Physical or Occupational Therapy staff will contact the referring physician to request an order for consultation with the other area.
4. If an outpatient is to receive multiple services, Physical, Occupational and Speech therapy, efforts will be made to coordinate appointments for patient convenience. Between therapy sessions any vital information will be communicated regarding the patient by treating therapists.