# **Steps for Ortho Cases**

## 1st phone call

 $1^{\text{st}}$  Get patient Basic Info & group

- Ref By
- Ortho
- MD

Need MD to get Auth for consultation.

We will need Ceph & study models from Ortho along with detailed description of recommendation for treatment.

## **Scheduling & needed Info**

Once we have Auth call to schedule patient for appointment.

Make sure DR. has reviewed X-Rays and has a work up ready for the patient. Mail patient basic questionnaire to fill out and have ready before patient is seen.

## First Appointment

Patient first appointment.

Patient comes in with Dr and he finishes up with work up.

Have Dr wright up a dictation report (consult report including recommendation with proper language in CPT Book Along with check off list from 1CD9 codes.)

#### **Getting Authorization**

Then we send out a letter of:

- 1. Request for prior Authorization
- 2. Computer Analysis
- 3. Dictation
- 4. X-Rays & Models if requested

#### Waiting

Then mail out letter for Authorization (4-6 weeks)

#### We have Authorization

Once we have letter of Authorization we can call pt. We need to confirm with insurance pt co pay & fee schedule.

Need a letter from insurance in writing of that they will pat. (Disclosure of Legality).

## Getting PT ready for surgery 2 month out

(Letter of agreement).

United healthcare came calls it pre determination & a network gap exception. Call Ortho Dr. & let them know we need 3 months notice before surgery is ready. Movement needs to be stopped 1 month before work up.

## Bill out surgery

To bill the claim we will need to print out claim form & OP report from Hospital along with MD NPI# and auth.

## 1 month before surgery only

3 months time period before surgery send to primary came for admission H&P & lab work. CBC UA PT & PTT.

Over 40 they will need EKG & Chest X-ray on or Lab work.

(All needs to be within 1 month of Surgery. MD will need surgery dates)

# 3 Month before surgery

Need to schedule them hospital for surgery call.

## **Few Days**

Need to send hospital all lab work. Few days before surgery.

(SEND PT PACKET WITH ALL CONSEND & INFO FOR MD & ORTH. LABWORK & BLOOD DRAWN FOR POSSIBLE TRANSFUSION)

For 3D Planning make sure always to send "cut" and "uncut" models along CT Scan & paper work.

In case they want be able to open CT Scan we can always upload on their website.