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PROCEDURE FOR SECOND-OPINION IMAGING CONSULTATION: IMAGES ON FILM

Contact us for an alternate mailing address, to send x-rays directly to Dr. Vlasuk's home office.

1. Send your films to us by mail, or by UPS/FedEx. Your films and the completed report will be returned to you via mail.
2. Be sure to include a "**Radiologic Consultation Request**" form. This form is available on our website, or we can email it to you. **SAVE ONE FORM TO USE AS A MASTER, WITH YOUR BUSINESS CARD ATTACHED IN THE CORNER, THEN RUN A COPY TO FILL OUT FOR EACH CONSULTATION THAT YOU REQUEST.** Feel free to fill it out quickly by hand in order to save your time (as long as I can read it!). There is also a fillable PDF form available on our website (drvxray.com).
*Either way, be sure to note your specific questions or areas of interest in the indicated space. **Include date of injury, if applicable. There is no need to write a great deal of physical exam data.***
3. We will fax or e-mail the report to you immediately upon completion (make sure your fax number or e-mail is included on the request form). Turnaround time is approximately one week, subject to my teaching schedule. You may call or email if you send films which require urgent attention.
4. If you want a report on serial studies (pre and post, or re-exam comparisons), send both (all) sets of films, even if I have previously reported on the original set.

PAYMENT

In sending films for consultation, you agree to be responsible for payment and to seek reimbursement from your patient; *however*, we will look first to L&I or PIP benefits, if available.

Only *open and active* PIP or L&I insurance claims are billed from this office. **ALL NECESSARY BILLING DATA FOR THESE CLAIMS MUST BE SENT WITH THE X-RAYS.**

PAYMENT: ACTIVE PIP CLAIMS

The following information is required: date of injury, insurance company name and all contact information, and the patient's PIP claim number. It is best if the consultation is requested relatively close to the date of the x-rays. Also include a statement of medical necessity for the consultation. We do not accept third-party claims or liens.

PAYMENT: Washington state L&I

The following information is required: date of injury and claim number. **Also include any relevant self-insurer information.** *Note that the Department checks to see that the x-rays relate to the accepted diagnosis for the claim, and that the claim is currently open, before they will pay for radiologic consultation. You do not need pre-approval for x-ray consultation, but there must be a specific reason indicated why the radiologic consultation is justified. L&I will not pay for routine x-ray consultation on all films (unless you want to bill only for the technical component).*

For all other x-ray reports (except for active L&I cases and active PIP claims) the referring doctor is billed for the report. In sending the films for consultation, you agree to pay for the report and to seek reimbursement from your patient.



1. There is no need to submit payment with the x-rays. A bill is sent to you with the report. ***THIS AMOUNT IS DUE IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR REPORT.*** You may then look to your patient for reimbursement. A CPT code is provided with the bill so that you or your patient may submit a bill to their insurance carrier.
2. There is no provision for carrying accounts, nor do we bill any other agencies, such as insurance companies. X-ray reports involve relatively small fees for which collection efforts are not economically feasible, particularly when there is usually insufficient data for us to follow up on these accounts.