

Better Skills, Best Care

Role: Primary Contact Musculoskeletal Physiotherapist (PCMP)

Pilot setting

Western Hospital – Orthopaedic Outpatient Clinic

Role description

The primary care musculoskeletal physiotherapist was located in the orthopaedic outpatients clinic. The role involved undertaking clinical examinations, diagnoses and management of patients. The PCMP liaised closely with all members of the team and referred patients where necessary.

Tasks

The following tasks were performed as part of the pilot role:

- Patient assessment to determine appropriate treatment
- Referral of appropriate patients to GP or other clinic
- Consult with patients regarding remaining on the orthopaedic waiting list
- Referral of appropriate patients for physiotherapy management
- Patient review

Education and training

The position requires professional registration with the Physiotherapists Registration Board of Victoria. Completion of a Bachelor of Physiotherapy or equivalent is a basic requirement for registration. A review of course content indicates that the tasks are within the range of practice of a physiotherapist who has undertaken the basic degree course. What is new is the role of the physiotherapist in the orthopaedic outpatient department.

A post-graduate qualification and relevant clinical experience in musculoskeletal physiotherapy is considered an advantage for this position due to its orthopaedic setting.

Contact details for piloted role

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