



*Pediatric Therapy Services*

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To: Therapy World Family

First and foremost, we would like to thank you for trusting Therapy World in providing therapy services to your child and family. It is an honor to work with you and create the plan of care team to ensure your child's developmental growth and success in everyday activities.

On the day of your first session, your therapist will be conducting an evaluation to determine your child's functional skills so, collaboratively, the therapist and family can define what are the priorities, concerns and goals for therapy. The evaluation time ranges from 45-65 minutes. The therapist will initially discuss the child's medical and developmental history with the family. Also, you might be asked questions on how your child responds to sensory information and their performance in activities of daily living (i.e. dressing, eating, bathing). Then, the therapist will engage with your child in a formal assessment and clinical observations. The therapist will evaluate your child's motor skills including, [i.e. mobility in your child's joints, posture, muscle strength, gross motor, fine motor, and visual motor and/or visual perceptual skills and sensory related to the reason for referral for the evaluation]. The therapists will generate the evaluation findings utilizing standardized assessments, clinical observations, clinical questionnaires and your observations and reports. Since your therapist only has a short amount of time to interact with your child, we have some suggestions that may support your child and therapist performance during the assessment:

1. Let your child know someone friendly will be coming to play with them.
2. Avoid any distractions such as tablets, TV, or electronics before and during evaluation.
3. Provide a good meal (unless participating in a feeding evaluation and indicated by therapist) and sleeping routine before session.
4. Have a testing area ready for the evaluation.
5. Have available age appropriate and favorite toys in the testing area.

Your therapist may ask you to show them your child's favorite toys, bedroom, and routines. This will allow your therapist to learn more about your child and help build a rapport. Once the therapist has completed the formal assessment, the therapist will discuss the preliminary evaluation findings with you at the end of the evaluation and will discuss areas for improvement, a plan of care, duration, frequency and suggestions for specialized treatment. If treatment is not recommended, the evaluating therapist will discuss other resources, options, and recommendations. You should receive a written report within 3 weeks. We encourage you to set up your therapy account by visiting our Patient Portal at Fusion Web Clinic to access the evaluation report. If you do not have an account, please ask your therapist for further instructions.



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Lastly, please remember to have the following items ready for the evaluation:

- Intake-forms filled out
- A current photo ID (license)
- Insurance and social security card
- Referral, if needed
- School reports, including goals for school-based therapies, if applicable
- Prior evaluations, if applicable
- Name/addresses of individuals you might want the report sent to
- Current list of medications. If your child is on medication and regularly takes it prior to the evaluation, please ensure this happens the day of the evaluation.
- Bring any equipment that your child regularly uses such as eyeglasses, braces and splints etc.
- Guardian papers (if joint, or sole custody)
- A list of questions to ask the therapist.

If you have any further questions and/or concerns regarding your child's initial evaluation, please feel free to contact your therapist or our office at (803) 329-9500.

Thank you!

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