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Referral Agreement

In some cases, a referral is required for a specialty office visit at our practice.

Why:

It simply depends on the plan you, the patient, signed up for. Some commercial plans may need a referral from your primary care physician, and some commercial plans may not. You may also require a referral because you are a student. If you are unsure, please contact your insurance directly.

What this means:

We can better assist you with verifying what kind of referral you need if it is clearly stated on your insurance card. The referral must be from the specific online portal for your plan (HMO) or your student health center (NYU/Columbia). However, this referral must be received at least 24 hours prior to your visit, or you may be responsible for the Self-Pay office visit charge of \$250. We need to verify the referral is valid with all the correct information prior to your visit. In most cases, referrals cannot be backdated, which is why if we don't have the referral at the time of your visit, we will have to do the Self-Pay option.

As a courtesy, we do everything we can to tell you before your visit that your plan requires a referral. However, it its ultimately up to the patient's responsibility to know whether their plan requires a referral to our specialty office. We are not liable if this is missed prior to your visit. Your signature below indicates that you fully understand the information given to you above, and that you are responsible for knowing your plans requirements.

Name of patient:	
Signature of patient:	
Date:	