PALMETTO PULMONARY MEDICINE, P.A.

Pulmonary Diseases • Asthma • Critical Care • Sleep Disorders

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Dear Providers:

I would first like to thank you for your continued support and patient referrals to Palmetto Pulmonary Medicine. It is our mission to schedule and treat your patients as efficiently and as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, I am unable to order any diagnostic studies until after my initial visit/consult with your patient. I am enclosing some helpful protocol suggestions for the most common referral diagnoses and appropriate testing if you feel these are reasonable, based on your evaluation.

Asthma: Chest x-ray, PFT

Shortness of Breath: Chest x-ray, PFT

Cough: Chest x-ray, PFT, UGI

COPD: Chest x-ray within the last 6 months and PFT within the last 6 months.

Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Medical documentation of fatigue, daytime sleepiness, snoring, witnessed apneas, insomnia, and/or frequent awakenings.

We can schedule pulmonary function studies (PFT) in our office prior to the visit as long as we have an order from the referring provider. If your office has the capability of performing a spirometry, please do so and include this in your referral. If your patient has had any imaging performed outside of Beaufort Memorial Network, please be sure they bring their images on a CD as well as the reports. These are in addition to demographics, insurance, referral order, medical records and results. This will reduce evaluation time and visits.

Please note we do have a \$20 cancellation/no show fee if the patient cancels in less than 24 hours prior to appointment time or does not show for a scheduled appointment.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call my office. I thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Peter N. Manos, MD