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Dear WSPT current patients and prospective patients,

With everything that is going on with COVID-19, we want you to know that your health and safety is our top priority. We are excited and encouraged by the recent CDC announcement regarding mask guidelines for fully vaccinated people. As we assess the implications for our clinics and wait for individual states to update their specific guidelines, we will continue wear masks as we have been for now.

Virtual physical therapy appointments will still be available from our Doctors of Physical Therapy out of the comfort of your own home. You will have undivided attention from your physical therapist to ensure that you progress with your plan of care. In the virtual/telemedicine appointments, your Doctor of Physical Therapy will help you with decreasing pain, improving range of motion, improving your biomechanics, improving motor control, increasing strength, help you use home tools and resources to assist with treatment and exercises, and making sure your form, posture, and movement patterns are trained appropriately.

If you are a current patient, virtual/telemedicine appointments also allow us to make sure there are no setbacks in your progression of health during this time. It is our responsibility to make sure you get the rehabilitation your doctor prescribed for you. We do not know how long this virus will last, and not receiving your physical therapy during this time can worsen your condition. We have communicated with most of our patient's doctors, and the physicians have requested that we continue all patients' physical therapy programs through telemedicine. In other words, your physician does NOT want you to stop receiving physical therapy.

If you are a new patient, we are able to do evaluations and determine your treatment plan in virtual/telemedicine sessions as well. Virtual physical therapy is highly effective!

For both new and current patients, in each session your Doctor of Physical Therapy will assess your movement, function, and pain. Based on this information, the PT will personally run you through a specific program that will work on loosening or stretching muscles (for example trigger point releases), resistance exercises (using household items) and looking at daily activities like sitting and sleeping positions and ergonomics/computer set up. We will also update your online video exercises each visit, which is essential for your progress. You will actually be performing a full program (this is not just a "check-in"), which should result in decreased pain and improved function and performance. The great news is that most insurances will cover these visits as if they were in-office!

We also want you to know that by doing telemedicine appointments, not only does it help you, but you are helping to keep our staff employed during this difficult time.

For virtual/telemedicine sessions, all you need is either a computer, laptop, ipad/, tablet, iphone, or Android with audio/video. We will use Doxy.Me as our platform. Doxy.me is a secure and private platform. It is simple to use, and there is no downloading of any app or software needed. Just click on the secure link we send you, and that is it! We also have links on our website for each of our therapists' specific virtual "waiting rooms", and you just click on your therapist's link at the time of your appointment to start your session. See below for detailed instructions for using Doxy.me.

We know many of you are ready for changes and we're getting close! We are optimistic with news that the vaccines have been effective in reducing the number of COVID-19 cases and preventing the spread of the virus. Until our assessment is complete, and we can share more, thank you for your continued support of the WSPT family.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are here to help and take care of you! We will get through this difficult time together as a community to help each other out. We look forward to seeing you (and your smiling faces) in the clinic or online.

Warmly, The WSPT Staff

DOXY.ME INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATIENTS

- 1. **Doxy.me** is the virtual platform that we will use for all of our telemedicine sessions. It is a private and secure platform. It is simple to use.
- 2. Your physical therapist will have a specific link that you will click on before your appointment (it will be the same link for every appointment you have with your same therapist). You will receive this link in your appointment reminder email. You can also go directly to our website to get your therapist's link (on the first page or in the "contact us" section). All therapists links will be: doxy.me/DrFirstNameLastName (e.g., doxy.me/DrCjRegalla -OR- doxy.me/DrKirstenBrown etc...
- 3. When you click on this link, it will take you to your session with your therapist.
- 4. You will type in your first and last name.
- 5. You will allow the session to access your audio/video ("enable camera")
- 6. Then you will automatically enter the virtual waiting room for your physical therapist, as you wait for your therapist to login.
- 7. Your physical therapist will see that you have signed in and are waiting for the session to start.
- 8. When it is time for the appointment to start, your physical therapist will click on your name, and you will be joined together to start the appointment.
- 9. NOTE: In addition to audio and video, you are even able to "message" with your physical therapist when you are both signed in in case you want the PT to know you are running late, or anything else before you are joined together.

Doxy.me is simple to use, and is accessible on computers (Chrome or Firefox web browser), iPhones, iPads, and Android. You just need audio/video on your device. If you encounter any problems, we would be more than happy to walk you through it. Please call the office for help at any time: 858-488-3597. Doxy.me also has tutorials on their website, in case you want to look at this ahead of time.

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