

4.28 Billing for Multiple Dysfunctions

Purpose:

Under certain circumstances, it may be permissible to bill for multiple treatment sessions, although the patient is attending once for treatment. The College has taken this position for two main reasons:

- 1) To benefit the patient who may otherwise have to make multiple appointment sessions with the physiotherapist
- 2) In fairness to the physiotherapist who may be required to spend a significant amount of time treating a patient with multiple dysfunctions.

Policy:

When a patient presents himself with multiple dysfunctions, the physiotherapist may provide two or more assessments and treatment. Where distinct and separate dysfunctions are present, and separate assessments and treatments are provided to the client/patient, the physiotherapist may be justified in billing for each assessment and treatment.

Transparency of billing for multiple dysfunctions is very important. Prior to commencing assessment and/or treatment, the physiotherapist must inform and seek approval from clients and third party payers (when necessary) for billing for multiple dysfunctions.