

Patients coming for Consultation

After speaking with your family doctor about any orthopaedic problems, he/she may feel its necessary for you to consult with an orthopaedic surgeon.

When our office receives the referral letter, we will book you an appointment and have your family physician's office call and inform you of the date and time. We do this to ensure we have all necessary information pertaining your current complaint prior to your appointment. Your family doctor may have already ordered specific tests prior to sending the referral, however, in the event they did not we can try and have these specific tests done before you come to our office.

What we require for your appointment:

- 1) Valid Ontario Health Card
- 2) Current x-rays (with in the last 3 months of appointment)
- 3) List of medications you are currently taking including supplements and vitamins.
- 4) WSIB Claim number if applicable
- 5) Shorts or loose fitting pants if being seen for lower extremity complaint.

All x-rays done at any other location than the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital or Georgian Radiology we will require that you bring the images with you. This may require that you call the location and request the specific images be put on disc for you. Some locations require 24 hours notice and may have a charge associated with putting your images on disc. Your family physician may send all relevant reports but please note Dr. Cheng still requests that your bring the actual images with your for review. We **do not** have an x-ray department at our location; patients who show up with out their x-rays risk having their appointments rescheduled to a later date when their x-rays will be available.

Please call our office once you recieve your consultation appointment date to confirm. Whether to confirm or change the date please leave your information on our voice mail if we are unable to take your call. Your call is your confirmation and our office will only be calling back if more information is required or if a change of date is necessary.