

Dear Dr.

I'm writing to you with a friendly and very important piece of information, which was added to the Doctors of BC website on November 3, 2021, regarding re-referrals.

Re-referral is NOT required for ongoing management of the same condition even if six or more months has passed since the initial consultation.

"A re-referral is not required for a specialist to see a patient for continuing care for the same condition beyond 6 months. The patient remains a referred case for that specialist, and the specialist may continue to bill specialist follow up fees."

The Consultation, Referral, and Re-Referral Clarification and FAQ document is posted on the Doctors of BC website at the link below:

<https://www.doctorsofbc.ca/managing-your-practice/practice-supports/consultations-referrals-and-re-referrals>

I thought I'd send this to you, having received from you a request for a re-referral for a mutual patient. This is going to be a significant change for many family physicians and specialist physicians. I value and appreciate your ongoing follow up of this patient at this time. Thank you.

Regards,