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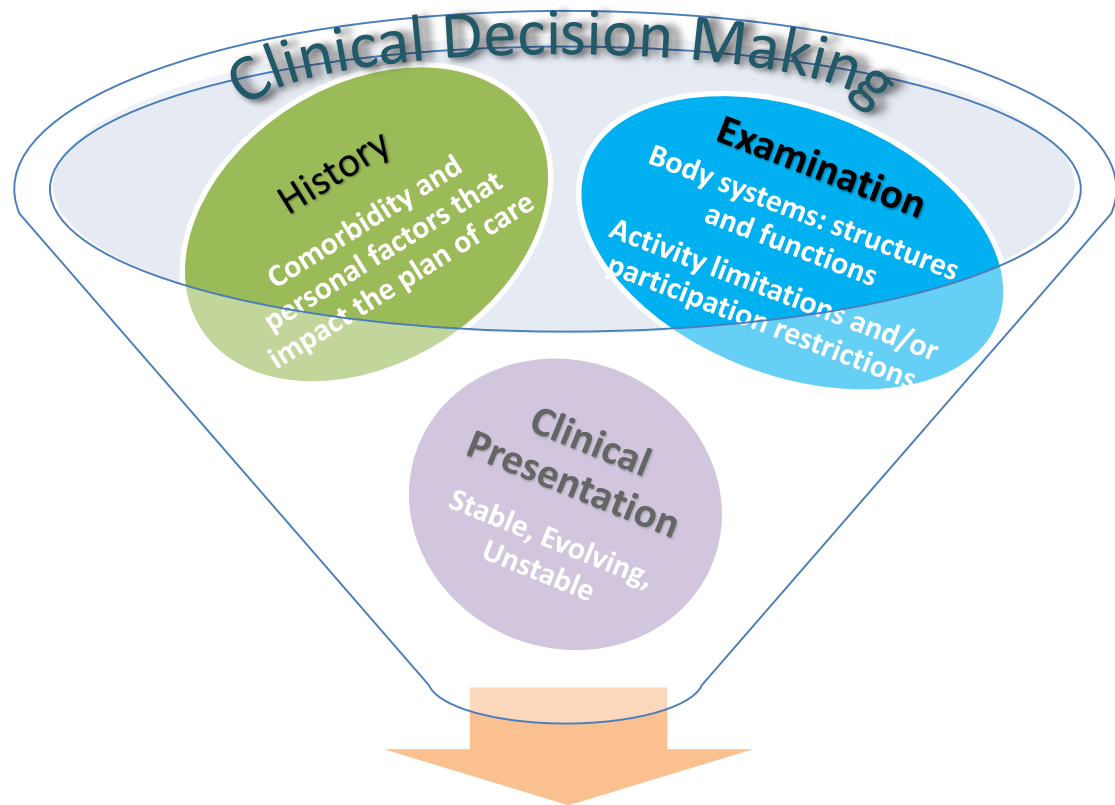
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2017 Physical Therapy Evaluation Codes: Focus on the Decision-Making Process to Determine Evaluation Complexity



2017 Physical Therapy Evaluation Codes

- 3 Evaluation Codes (97161, 97162, and 97163)
 - Low complexity, moderate complexity, high complexity
 - Components:
 - Patient history (comorbidities, personal factors),
 - Examination and the use of standardized tests and measures,
 - Clinical presentation, and
 - Clinical decision making
- 1 Reevaluation Code (97164)
 - Performed when an established patient is being evaluated to update a plan of care
- All incorporate use of standardized tests and measures and patient assessment instruments or functional outcome measures

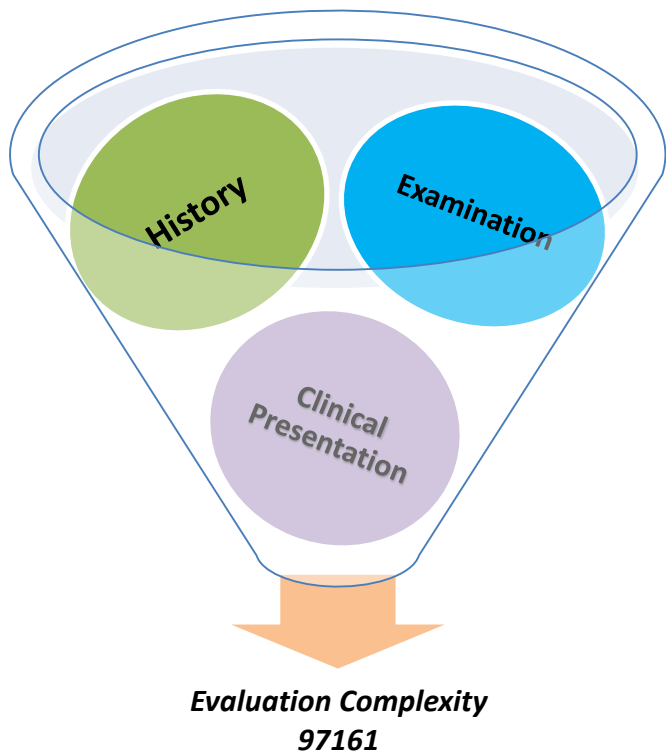


Evaluation complexity: low, moderate, or high

97161, 97162, 97163

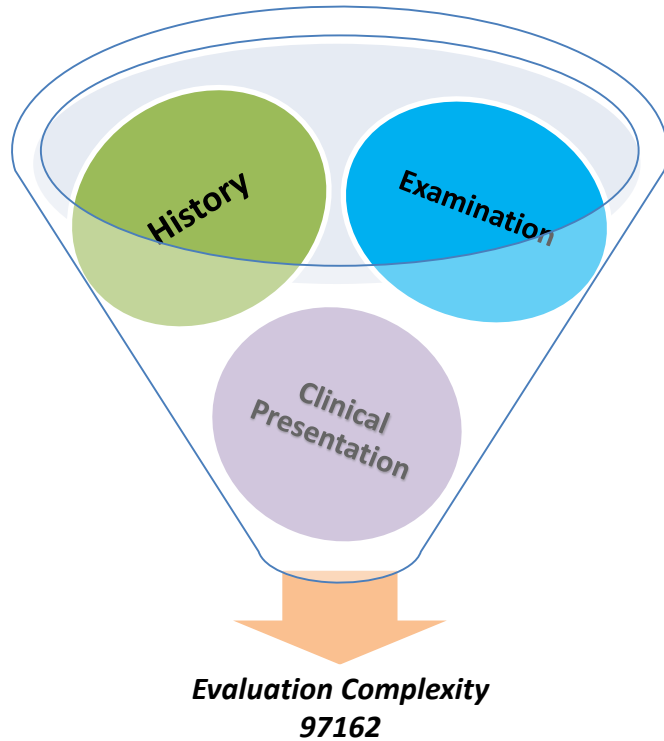


97161 – Physical Therapy Evaluation: Low Complexity



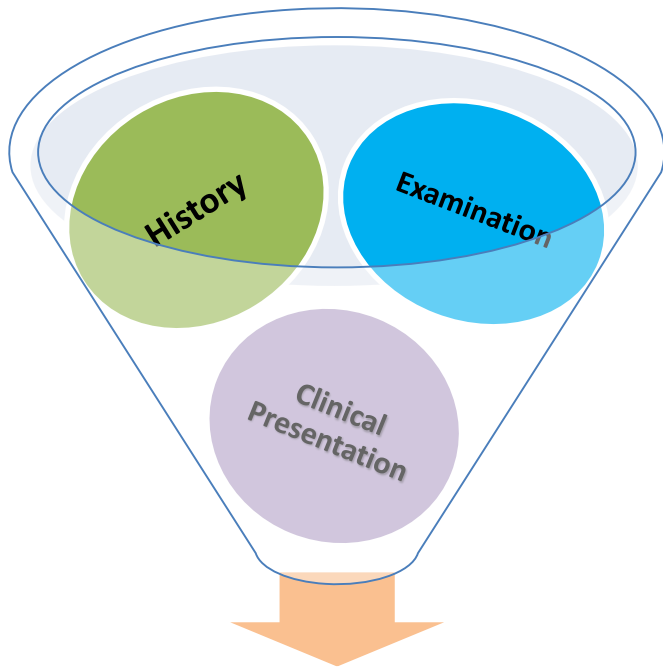
History	Examination	Presentation
A history with no personal factors and/or comorbidities that impact the plan of care	An examination of body system(s) using standardized tests and measures addressing 1-2 elements from any of the following: body structures and functions, activity limitations, and/or participation restrictions	A clinical presentation with stable and/or uncomplicated characteristics

97162 – Physical Therapy Evaluation: Moderate Complexity



History	Examination	Presentation
A history of present problem with 1-2 personal factors and/or comorbidities that impact the plan of care	An examination of body systems using standardized tests and measures in addressing a total of 3 or more elements from any of the following: body structures and functions, activity limitations, and/or participation restrictions	An evolving clinical presentation with changing characteristics

97163 – Physical Therapy Evaluation: High Complexity



**Evaluation Complexity
97163**

History	Examination	Presentation
A history of present problem with 3 or more personal factors and/or comorbidities that impact the plan of care;	An examination of body systems using standardized tests and measures addressing a total of 4 or more elements from any of the following: body structures and functions, activity limitations, and/or participation restrictions;	A clinical presentation with unstable and unpredictable characteristics; and



97164 – Physical Therapy Reevaluation: Established Plan of Care

- Requires an examination including a review of history and use of standardized tests and measures; and
- Revised plan of care using a standardized patient assessment instrument and/or measurable assessment of functional outcome

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