



YUKON WORKERS'
COMPENSATION
HEALTH AND
SAFETY BOARD

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Complimentary Treatments
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PHYSIOTHERAPY TREATMENT

The following guidelines have been developed and shall become effective on all cases commencing physiotherapy as of November 1, 1990.

1. Physiotherapists, who are members in good standing of the Canadian Physiotherapy Association and who approved by the Workers' Compensation Board, may provide injured workers physical therapy.
2. The Physiotherapist is required to advise the worker's family physician within twenty-four hours of giving the first treatment. If the worker does not identify a family physician then the Physiotherapist is required to notify the Board's Chief Medical Consultant.
3. Physiotherapy may also be prescribed by the attending physician.
4. Physiotherapy may be continued up to a maximum of ten treatments.
5. Such physiotherapy treatments shall not exceed one treatment per day.
6. The physiotherapist is required to be in communication with the family physician or the Board's Chief Medical Consultant, as is appropriate, not less than every two weeks.
7. In cases where it is considered that physiotherapy should continue beyond ten treatments, prior authorization must be obtained from the Board's Medical Consultant.
8. It is understood that the physiotherapist's patient progress report must be completed and forwarded within two days after the date of the first treatment and every two weeks during active treatment.

In the cases of back injuries the following information is to be included in the initial report:

- (a) the details of the accident, such as -- what was being lifted and how the accident occurred;

- (b) was the pain felt at the time of the accident or did it occur a few days later;
 - (c) did the worker complete their shift or did they require assistance from their co-worker; and
 - (d) is there a history of previous back injuries and if so, what were the details, e.g. time off work, surgery, etc.
9. The purchase of medical appliances on the recommendation of the attending physician must have the prior approval of the Board.