



# Western Physicians' Alliance



## NEWSLETTER

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### Collaborative Agreement Between Western Physicians' Alliance And Saint Mary's Health Plan

Western Physicians' Alliance (WPA) and Saint Mary's Health Plans (SMHP) are collaborating in 2011 on several initiatives intended to improve the delivery of healthcare to the members we serve.

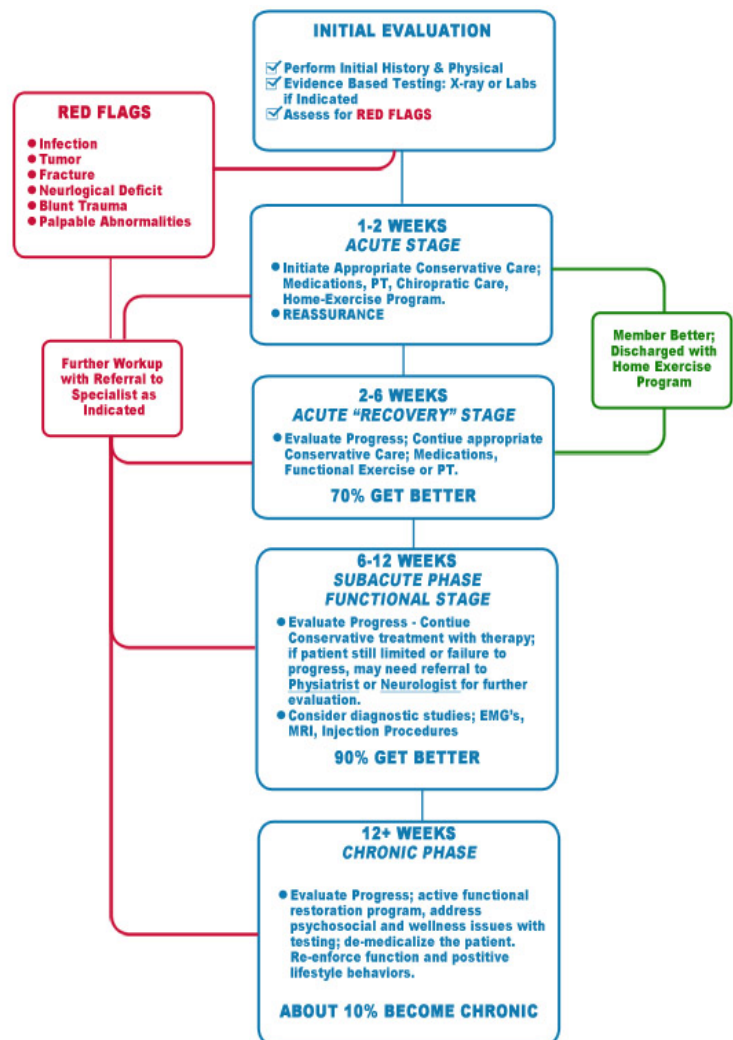
We are currently working on the following initiatives:

1. Back & Spine Program
2. Tertiary Referrals
3. Pharmacy & Prescribing Programs

Our first working group focused on the care of back & spine. Some of the group's goals included the creation and acceptance of a proposed algorithm for evaluation and treatment along with sponsorship of CME programs geared towards back & spine care.

We have included a draft of the Neck and Back Pain Algorithm illustrated to the right and is also on our website for review.

We welcome your comments towards this most important effort. If you would like to participate on any of the working group committees, please contact the WPA office at 775-827-5775.



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## Building Bridges

For more than 17 years, Western Physicians' Alliance has provided its growing membership with representation and services in the health care market. Many knowledgeable people within the health care industry believe WPA plays an essential role in the local medical community, stabilizing the business for its physician members and providing a methodology for improving quality and access to care.

America's health care system is in constant evolution. Western Physicians' Alliance is dedicated to remaining a viable force in our local health care community, serving as an effective, attentive advocate for its physician members and building bridges to other health care organizations as it serves the people and communities in Northern Nevada.

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