

CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL

PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES

Priorities for Patient Coverage

Priority #1:

- The patient with a short-term stay is being discharged from the hospital.
- Consideration is given to:
 - Safety in transfers and/or gait
 - Equipment needs – assistive devices for ambulation, bathroom equipment, wheelchair, etc.
 - Intervention of other healthcare providers
 - Referral to outpatient services or other community agencies
 - Family teaching

Priority #2:

- The patient would lose flexibility or decline in level of function without skilled physical therapy intervention.
- Consideration is given to:
 - Immediate prognosis
 - Long term prognosis or potential for improved function over baseline status

Priority #3:

- The patient has functional deficits but is able to carry out part of physical therapy program independently or with the assistance of direct care staff and/or family members.
- The patient would not deteriorate without skilled physical therapy intervention.

Priority #4:

- The patient requires general conditioning but is functionally independent.

Priority #5:

- The patient is in need of physical therapy intervention but his/her present status precludes intervention (i.e., too ill to participate).