

# Initial Consult Follow-Up

## PURPOSE

1. Help patient to feel supported and welcomed.
2. Provide clear instructions to patient for taking the next step in the process.
3. Provide necessary paperwork including Case Review intake forms and lab requisitions.
4. Send dietary recommendations, if any.
5. Request approval for invoice and then bill for consult and labs.
6. Answer any questions that the patient may have.

## PROCEDURE

1. Admin staff sends patient message through portal with estimate of charges including Initial Consult fee and recommended lab charges, while reminding them that it needs to be approved before moving forward. (Reference **Process Appointment Encounter: Initial Consults**)
2. Send patient Case Review paperwork with instructions on how to complete and upload into the EHR at least a week prior to the Case Review. (Reference **Process Appointment Encounter: Initial Consults**)
3. Once estimate has been approved, bill patient to card on file. (Reference **Estimate Additions, Estimate Approvals, and Estimate Modifications**)
4. Send patient lab requisitions with explanation of where to find instructions and lab FAQ. Remind patient to review these instructions ASAP to ensure timely completion of lab tests, since many tests require dietary changes or abstaining from certain supplements and medications for a period of time before the test. (Reference **Process Appointment Encounter: Initial Consults**)
5. Add document with dietary recommendations suggested by clinician, if applicable, to the Handouts tab in the patient's Portal. (Reference **Add Handouts**)
6. Patient is sent receipt automatically from QBO for the Initial Consult charges.
7. Proceed to **NP Onboarding Initial Consult Follow-up Call**.