

**To Our Referring Providers:**

Thank you for your referral to the Medical University of South Carolina's Brain Stimulation Service. Our goal is to provide you and your patient with the best possible care including a comprehensive and thorough psychiatric evaluation and evidence-based treatment recommendations for your patient. In an effort to assist us with this endeavor, we request the following at least 72 hours before the date of the consultation:

- 1) Order for consultation- For consultation reimbursement purposes, please include an order for referral. This could be on a script or clearly typed/written in the body of a note with "referral for consultation."
- 2) Insurance information – an imprint of the insurance card would be helpful if you have it
- 3) Demographic info (dob, ss#, phone #, address)
- 4) Referral letter or records to include (as available):
  - a) Diagnoses
  - b) History of Present Illness including current symptoms and length of episode
  - c) Psychiatric History including prior med trials, doses, response, and past hospitalizations
  - d) Past medical history
  - e) Family psychiatric History
  - f) If sending records in lieu of a letter, please give 1 year of records

Please fax this information to 843-792-6137. The information that you provide helps us offer the best service and care of your patient as possible. We will contact the patient by phone to conduct a pre-consultation evaluation and summarize the information based on what you and your patient provide. Our physicians use this information to contextualize the consultation approach and the available treatment options. They spend an extensive amount of time reviewing this information and conducting a thorough evaluation of your patient's medical and psychiatric history. Following the evaluation our consultants can discuss with your patient various brain stimulation treatment options, such as electroconvulsive therapy and transcranial magnetic stimulation. We find it critical to spend the time educating patients on the risks and benefits of various forms of treatment. Additionally, the consultant will also discuss other potential pharmacological and psychotherapy treatments that maybe beneficial to your patient.

You should receive a written consultation in one week from the date of service. We greatly appreciate your referral and information you provide to assist us in the collaborative care of your patient. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or feedback by calling Pauline Likavec at 843-792-5716. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8am-4:00PM except holidays. If no one answers at the above phone number, please leave a message and we will get back with you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Baron Short', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Director of Brain Stimulation Service