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If Your Doctor Recommends Counseling

About our Specialty

What do I Need to do?

Your doctor is a highly qualified professional. As such your doctor has been trained to diagnose and treat a wide variety of medical problems and issues. Their competence and caring nature is one reason you chose them as your primary care physician.



Often doctors recognize that medical conditions generate anxiety or depression that medication alone can not relieve. Or that some conditions are not fully medical in nature. The needs of other patients will not allow them the privilege of spending as much time with each patient as they would like. It is that reason your doctor has suggested a referral to a licensed counselor.

Your counselor will work closely with your doctor to diagnose and treat the cause of the symptoms that you brought to their attention.

Counselors are trained to diagnose and treat emotional, psychological and mood disorders. In addition, they often provide the guidance necessary to help patients make difficult decisions in life. Many patients recognize a reduction in symptoms in a relatively short period of time.

Your doctor is attempting to provide you with the best care possible.

Psychotherapy, or counseling, differs from psychiatry in that we focus on non-pharmacologic methods to alleviate emotional and psychological difficulties. If medication is warranted, we work closely with the referring physician as they determine what the patient needs. We provide services for children, adolescents and adults either as individuals or in groups. Our primary desire is to provide the highest quality of mental health care for you and your family.



Each counselor must have a minimum of a Master's Degree in counseling from an accredited institution, complete a minimum of two years as a registered intern under the supervision of a qualified supervisor, and pass a state required examination in clinical counseling before they obtain a license to practice.

Florida law requires that each licensed counselor complete continuing education every two years from qualified education programs in order to remain current on theory and techniques.

Strict confidentiality is required by both state and federal law. Only in very specific situations may your counselor divulge communication between you and them. Your counselor will discuss these details and other questions you may have during your first session.

Appointments

You may call the office between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday to schedule an appointment. For your convenience we also offer a limited number of evening appointments. Appointments are usually 45 to 50 minutes in length. Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your first scheduled appointment in order to complete our office forms.

Fees and Billing

We will be happy to file your insurance claim as a convenience to you. Fees for our services, however, are due at the time of your visit. Unfortunately, Medicare and Medicaid will not reimburse for our services. Please call your insurance company if you believe our services may be covered to obtain authorizations. We accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.

Conclusion

Choosing a counselor can be a tough decision. We thank you for considering our office. We look forward to being of service to you or your loved ones.

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