

## **Implementing WebExercises in Your Office**

A home exercise program is only effective when your patient understands it is part of their in office treatment.

## **Practitioner Guidelines**

- 1. Begin with one to two beginner level exercises without equipment. WebExercises® allows you to search for exercises based on level of difficulty.
- 2. Prescribe one set of 10-12 repetitions of each exercise at first. Single-set programs are less time-consuming which translates into improved compliance.
- 3. Exercise frequency should be daily as this establishes a routine for patients.
- 4. Instruct patients to cross off each date they complete the exercise on the printed handouts. By having to record each home exercise session they realize this is a necessary part of their treatment.
- 5. Patients should be asked weekly to demonstrate their exercises. Knowing they will be checked on their progress motivates them to exercise regularly.
- 6. Add more complex exercises with increased difficulty as patient's strength and function improves.
- 7. Create templates to save time.

## **Staff Guidelines**

- 1. Print all handouts 1, 2, or 4 exercises per page depending on a patient's preference. The covers sheet may be included to create a complete packet.
- 2. Print a copy of the exercise prescription summary for the patient file.
- 3. If the patient would like to receive their exercise prescription by email have them complete and sign the Opt-In Email Agreement.

The above should be used as a guideline and may not be appropriate for all patients. A few patients may need to be enrolled in an office-based program due to poor compliance, a complicated case, or risk of injury.