### PHYSICIAN REFERRAL **PATIENT'S NAME: DIAGNOSIS: PRECAUTIONS: Evaluate and Treat** Exercise Program (i.e. home, gym) Functional Conditioning Therapeutic Exercise Gait/Balance Training Manual Therapy Aquatic Therapy (Hanford only) **Modalities** Other COMMENTS: Frequency: \_\_\_\_ x per week for \_\_\_\_ weeks Signature: \_\_\_\_\_(Physician signature) Date: SAME DAY APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE Referrals are accepted from any physician. A physician's order and diagnosis are required for evaluation and treatment. We accept most insurances including Medicare. Bacci & Glinn Physical Therapy, Inc. Hanford: 559-582-1027

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### HIP REPLACEMENT

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## Hip Replacement Rehabilitation

Falls are one of the most common causes of hip fractures in the U.S. today, with 90% of the more than 352,000 hip fractures in the U.S. each year resulting from a fall. Hip fractures are treated with an open or closed reduction, with or without internal fixation whenever practical, or a nonelective hip replacement. In 2004 alone, a total of 240,000 partial hip replacements (hemiarthroplasty) were performed.<sup>2</sup>

Hip replacements involve removing any damaged bone and cartilage and replacing it with artificial parts. Other reasons for a hip replacement are severe pain from arthritis and hip joint tumors.

#### **Treatment Options**

- Physical therapy which may include all or some of the following:
  - Pain control modalities such as ice, heat, ultrasound, and electrical stimulation
  - Manual therapy including joint & soft tissue mobilization
  - Gait/Balance training
  - Individualized exercise program which will include flexibility, strengthening, & endurance training
  - Patient education, including hip precautions

#### **Hip Precautions**

- ♦ Avoid bending forward at the waist
- Keep you knees below the level of your hips
- Avoid crossing your legs or ankles
- While lying down, use a pillow between your legs to keep hips aligned
- ♦ Avoid twisting your leg in or out

Together with post-operative rehabilitation, hip replacements usually result in a decrease in pain, and an increase in mobility which leads to improvements in activities of daily living and quality of life.

#### References:

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