

Answers to questions about PT/OT Evaluation timeframes -

Facility	Do you only schedule 1 hr evaluations for all pediatric patients? Yes / No	If Yes, how do you handle standardized tests being completed in a timely manner?	If No, let us know, the times for each area that you have for evaluations. Ortho Serial Cast Babies Developmental 1-3 yo Developmental 3+ SDR Equipment Orthotics and Splints Seating and Mobility
ORG A– PT red, OT blue	No		Ortho – 1 hour 1 Serial Cast –2 2 (serial cast) 1- (constraint cast fabrication) Babies -2 1 Dev 1-3 – 1 2 Dev 3+ -1 2 SDR -1.5 1 Equipment -1 1 Orthotics and Splints -1 1-2 depending on situation (i.e complex splint or two splints would be 2 hrs) Seating and Mobility –1.5 1.5
ORG B	Yes	We schedule appointments in 1 hour slots for PT and OT. If they're not able to complete the testing then the child will return for a second visit. Sometimes we'll just keep going if the next appt cancels/no-shows. We used to schedule 2 hours for evaluation, but it really hurt our productivity when they no-showed or cancelled at the last minute.	

ORG C	No		<p>Ortho – 1.5 hrs Serial Cast – Really depends on complexity but an hour in general Babies – 1 hour Developmental 1-3 – 1 hour Developmental 3+ - 2 hour SDR - Equipment – 2 hrs, unless a single/simple piece of equipment then 45 min/1 hr Orthotics and Splints – Depends on complexity of patient but on average 1.5 hrs Seating and Mobility – 2 hrs, unless a single/simple piece of equipment then 45 min/1 hr</p>
ORG D	No – only 1 and 1 ½ hr evals		<p>Ortho – 1 hour Serial Cast - Babies – 1 hour Developmental 1-3 – mostly one hour unless multiple areas of development requested for assessment (i.e. feeding, sensory and development) Developmental 3+ - 1.5 hours SDR - Equipment - Orthotics and Splints – single splint 1 hour, bilateral splints 1.5 hours unless known measurement for Benik then can use a 45 minute appointment type Seating and Mobility –</p>
ORG E	Yes, mostly	This depends, to some degree, but in many cases, standardized testing can wait until the second session, as long as the therapist is able to assess enough to develop goals for a plan of care	<p>SDR – <i>Spasticity evaluations are 90 minutes</i> Seating and Mobility – <i>90 minutes</i> <i>Feeding clinic is also 90 minutes for the eval (speech, dietitian, and OT)</i> <i>Motor delay clinic is 90 minutes, SLP, OT, and PT together</i></p>

<p>ORG F</p>	<p>No</p>		<p>Ortho – 1 hour Serial Cast – ½ hour Babies – 1 hour Developmental 1-3 – 1 ½ Developmental 3+ - - 1 ½ SDR -2 hours Equipment – 1 ½ hours Orthotics and Splints – 1 hour Seating and Mobility – 1 hour</p>
<p>ORG G</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Therapists are typically able to finish all testing in an hour, if not, they finish the next session. For really complex patients, it is often eval only for the hour, meaning, limited or no home exercise program given the first session and no treatment done.</p>	
<p>ORG H</p>	<p>No - We provide the equivalent of 30 min admin time and 30 min adjacent to lunch to block time for documentation. Often therapists are using time outside of their scheduled hours for additional documentation (before and after work hours)</p>		<p>Ortho – 60 min Serial Cast – n/a in cast room with cast tech but 60 min Babies – 60 min Developmental 1-3 – 60 min PT; 90 min OT Developmental 3+ - 60 min PT; 90 min OT SDR – 60 min Equipment – 90 min Orthotics and Splints – 60 min Seating and Mobility – 90 min</p>

<p>ORG I</p>	<p>No - If referring provider requests a standardized test, the order is different in our system and scheduling options offer 90 minute time on the schedule (PT or OT, examples include BOT, Peabody, etc). If the referring provider requests a Bayley assessment (specific order built in our system) it offers a 120 minute time on the schedule (PT or OT to complete the entire assessment). If a therapist is scheduled 60 minutes for an evaluation and determines that a standardized test is necessary they determine if they have the time to complete at that time or if they need to schedule a follow up 60 or 90 minute time frame for return to complete that. We have a developmental program (referring physician group) that often requests a developmental assessment from OT to include just the cognitive portion of the Bayley as well as the functional assessment of the child and for this we ask the schedulers to give the OT who completes this 90 minutes.</p>		<p>Ortho – 60 min Serial Cast – Babies – 12 months and under: 60 minutes (most don't tolerate more than that time frame from our perspective) Developmental 1-3 – 60 minutes, unless referring provider specifically asked for developmental/standardized test, see above Developmental 3+ -60 minutes, unless referring provider specifically asked for developmental/standardized test, see above SDR – pre-op outpatient eval 90 minute co-eval with PT and OT. Equipment –therapist judgement if they had only 60 minutes at initial eval if they need to return/schedule further follow up in 60 or 90 minutes to complete or if they also had activity/function/exercise to address as well as equipment. Orthotics and Splints – Off the shelf, 60 minutes; custom 90 minutes per orthotic Seating and Mobility – Seating Clinic is standardized at 90 minutes each visit evaluation or return.</p>
<p>ORG J</p>	<p>Yes</p>		<p>Ortho – 60 min Serial Cast – 60 min Babies – 60 min Developmental 1-3 – 60-120 min depending on complication Developmental 3+ - 120 min. SDR – 120 min</p>

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