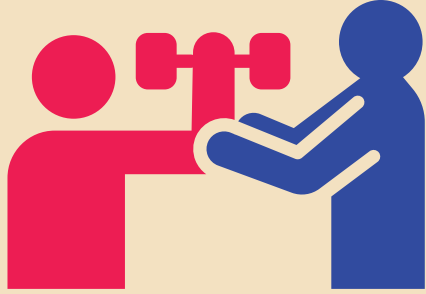


Implementation of a Vital Sign Guideline for the Outpatient Therapist



Undiagnosed hypertension is a global problem as patients are often asymptomatic until a critical event occurs.

Patients being treated in outpatient clinics for physical, occupational, and speech therapy are generally **undermonitored in respect to vital signs**.

We created an **organizational clinical guideline** to assist therapists in monitoring blood pressure in ALL new patients, regardless of age and diagnoses, including appropriate action to take based on blood pressure values and presence or absence of symptoms.



With implementation of the guideline, we saw an **immediate and significant increase** in monitoring and referrals for urgent medical follow-up, as evidenced by the submissions of safety event reporting.