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Dear Clinical Instructor:

The student(s) that you have agreed to work with during the upcoming clinical rotation #2 will need to collect patient information for the case report that they will write when they return to campus in March. This process is part of their academic requirements and as such the University Health Sciences IRB does not require approval. The information and the case report stay entirely within the educational program. There is no publication or dissemination. If your institution has contrary regulations the student will comply with your regulations.

Students should accomplish their data collection “behind the scenes” with no time taken away from patient care. Copies of medical record documents that the student brings back to class should not contain any legible identifying information, such as patient name or social security number. **Please encourage** the student to select the case as early in the clinical as possible, and to be thorough in collecting data **including maximum use of initial, follow-up, and discharge examinations that are objective and measurable** and can be used to illustrate clinical decision-making and outcomes.

One of the goals of the PT program at MU is to prepare our graduates to write a case report. We believe that case report writing is an appropriate clinical skill and we hope our graduates will be able to produce case reports that will be meaningful to other clinicians and will add to the professional knowledge base. The experience of assembling information from the clinical encounter with you is an essential step in this learning process. When they return to campus they work closely with faculty to prepare the case report.

Thank you very much for your support of this project. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We have also encouraged the students to get in touch with us if they need help.

Sincerely,



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