



CLINICAL REASONING GUIDE

Patient
Initials

Age/Sex

Next Visit #

Medical Diagnosis

What is the referral? (ie. R TKA, cervical radiculopathy, patellar tendinitis, etc.)

Clinical/PT Diagnosis

What are YOU treating? (ie. joint hypomobility, soft tissue restriction, nerve root irritation, etc.)

Relevant Dates

Onset date/Surgery date/Chronic (years?)

MOI

How did it happen? Sudden/gradual? Unknown?

Diff Dx

List all the potential tissues at fault (try to list at least 5) and BE SPECIFIC (≠ muscle → name specific muscle) (≠ nerve → which nerve/roots)

Subjective

What relevant info did the patient tell you? How are symptoms described?

Objective

What are the patient's physical limitations? What measurements are not within normal ranges? What measurements are key to your diagnosis? What are you treating?

