

CLINICAL REASONING FORM

A: Client

1. What is the client's main problem?
2. What are the client's main functional limitations?
3. What are the client's expectations/goals for the consultation?

B. Potential diagnosis

1. Are the subjective findings consistent with an injury/condition?
2. List 3 provisional diagnoses and the subjective features supporting each
3. Which contraindications exist for assessment & treatment? Specify.

C: Examination findings and interpretation

1. Outline the features and results of the objective assessment
2. List 3 provisional diagnoses and the objective features supporting each
3. What psychosocial, attitudes, belief, occupational or health factors are relevant
4. What further objective tests would be helpful and why?
5. Which investigations or imaging modalities may be useful?

D: Management

1. Describe and justify the treatment and summarise its immediate effect

2. What are your short term goals with this client? Include timeframes.
3. What techniques will you use to achieve these goals?
4. What outcome measures will you use to measure the short term treatment effect?
5. What are your long term goals with this client? Include timeframes.
6. What techniques do you propose to achieve these goals?
7. What outcome measures will you use to measure the long term treatment effect?
8. What input from other health professionals will be helpful?

E: Prognosis / Discharge planning

1. List the factors that indicate a favourable prognosis
2. List the factors that indicate an unfavourable prognosis
3. What would constitute a successful treatment outcome for this client?