

# Letters to the editor

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## Specialists filling gaps in care

With the dearth of primary care providers, some specialists are filling the gap somewhat, taking on unrecognized tasks and extra work such as ordering “routine” tests (e.g., bloodwork, appropriate imaging). This unrecognized work, done because it is the right thing to do, not because it is part of specialists’ responsibilities, should be recognized and appropriately compensated. Kudos to these already overburdened practitioners for these extra time-consuming efforts, which are done because it is ethically the right thing to do with our massive gaps in care provision.

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## WORKSAFEBC

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during the swing phase of gait, making them safe and efficient.

### Considerations for work-related injuries

The goal is to return patients with work-related injuries to as close to their pre-injury condition as possible. To help achieve this, the patient’s WorkSafeBC claim owner may approve and arrange an additional referral to a physiatrist, the WorkSafeBC Visiting Specialist Clinic in Richmond, and/or, in the case of an amputation, the Amputee Multidisciplinary Program at Lifemark Health Centre in Langley. This referral depends on the complexity of the injury and where in the province the patient lives, and it is often made on the recommendation of a prosthetist or physician involved in the patient’s care.

### Reach out to a medical advisor

To speak with a WorkSafeBC medical advisor about a patient with a work-related injury, including one who may require a prosthesis or orthosis, submit a RACE request ([www.raceconnect.ca](http://www.raceconnect.ca)). ■

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