Office “Consult” Algorithm

A patient is referred to you for office consultation by another physician

Have you or someone in the same specialty in your group seen the patient within the past three years?

- Yes
  - Code as an ESTABLISHED office visit
- No
  - Code as a NEW office visit

Hospital “Consult” Algorithm

You are asked to perform a consultation on a patient in the hospital.

Determine status and location of patient.

- Inpatient
  - Code as an Initial Hospital Visit (H&P)
  - Have you or someone in your group in the same specialty seen the patient within the last 3 yrs?
    - Yes
      - Admitted by another physician
    - No
      - Discharged
      - Code as an ER VISIT

- Observation
  - Inpatient
  - Observation
  - Code as a NEW office visit
  - Have you or someone in your group in the same specialty seen the patient within the last 3 yrs?
    - Yes
      - Code as an ESTABLISHED office visit
    - No
      - Code as a NEW office visit

- ER
  - Code as a NEW office visit
  - Code as a ESTABLISHED office visit