

CAUDA EQUINA PATHWAY

We realise the process of identifying a patient with CES can appear daunting and following the pathway can appear complex. This Infographic breaks down the process, making it easier to understand and follow with embedded links ([red writing or images](#)) to relevant paperwork. Discuss on site and escalate as per pathway. Onwards referral does not need to be agreed by the Low Back Pain APP's. More comprehensive notes can be found [here](#)

Identify a patient with suspected CES

Within ACN :
Patient Assessments - Other Actions:
Add MSK Cauda Equina



Possible CES

Call Ortho Reg [▶](#)
(see sending patient to A&E [guide](#))

Complete CES Canned text [letter](#) on TrakCare, authorise & print copy for patient to take to A&E (QEUH - patients maybe directed to SDUCC)

Unsure CES

If in doubt discuss with senior member of staff or a member of the back pain [team](#)



CES Unlikely

Patient requires monitoring, teach back and warning signs [leaflet](#)



For further CES reading scan QR code

