

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 in MSK [index](#)

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

