



# SUSPECTED CAUDA EQUINA PATHWAY (v1.0)

## BACK PAIN

ALL BACK PAIN REFERRALS (INCL WACHS TRANSFERS) SHOULD BE FACILITATED BY THE ED DUTY CONSULTANT (OR SR REG OUT OF HOURS)

AN ED REQUEST FOR AN MRI TO EXCLUDE CAUDA EQUINA DOES NOT REQUIRE PRIOR NEUROSURGICAL CONFIRMATION / ASSESSMENT

SIGNS CAN BE SUBTLE, A NEGATIVE MRI RESULT DOES NOT MEAN THE IMAGING WAS NOT REQUIRED

