

Neurosurgery Spinal Multidisciplinary Team Referral Pathway			
Providing advice and guidance on the patient referral pathway into the King's College Hospital Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) discussion for Spinal MDT.			
<b>Conditions Treated</b>	<p><b>Conditions Treated:</b> Any spinal condition, which is amenable to surgery, for which conservative management has not helped, and an MRI correlates and confirms the diagnosis. Do not send patients with isolated axial back pain.</p> <p><b>Procedures Performed:</b> - Spinal Multi-disciplinary team review - Clinical assessment</p> <p><b>Exclusions:</b> Complex Paediatric and Adult Spinal deformity should be referred to Guy's and St Thomas</p> <p><b>This pathway is for non-emergency referrals only. Patients with red flags for cauda equina require urgent assessment. Immediately refer to the local Accident and Emergency (A&amp;E). Please do not refer patients with spinal infections, spinal fractures or metastatic spinal diseases to the MDT.</b></p>		
<b>Suggested Investigations:</b>	Patients should have spinal imaging prior to referral. Imaging must be no more than six months old. If the King's College Hospital did not take the imaging, please send the imaging report with the referral using IEP (Image Exchange portal) to King's College Hospital PACS (Picture Archiving Communications System). Failure to do this will result in rejection of the referral.		
<b>Referral triaged by</b>	MDT Coordinator- non clinical		
<b>Frequency of Multidisciplinary Team Meeting</b>	Two times weekly to discuss and review all routine and urgent spine referrals coming into King's College hospital.		
<b>Administrative Requirements:</b>	<p>Clinical assessment and review by community MSK (Muscular Skeletal) Triage and Treat Team with up-to-date MRI imaging completed (within 6 months of referral) required prior to onward referral for Specialist Spine Surgery review. For URGENT referrals, please ensure that all clinical letters attached are within 24 hours of the appointment request. Please include pertinent details of current condition and ensure that all mandatory fields of the form are completed, failure to do so will result in slowing the vetting process.</p> <p>Transport eligibility to be medically assessed and booked in line with the Trust's procedures.</p> <p>Interpreting services are supplied by telephone, please specify language required in the referral letter. If patient requires a British Sign Language interpreter, please state this clearly in the referral letter.</p>		
<b>Service Notes:</b>	<p>The Spine Neurosurgery Service is a virtual triage, patients do not attend.</p> <p>Clinics are face to face and telephone, run weekly at King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill including some Saturday clinics – Extra clinics / surgery may be provided at Harley Street Clinic or Nuffield Hospital in Tunbridge Wells <a href="#">Neurosurgery Spinal MDT Referral Form</a> email to <a href="mailto:kch-tr.spineMDT@nhs.net">kch-tr.spineMDT@nhs.net</a></p> <p>Alternative Services: Complex Paediatric and Adult Spinal deformity should be referred to GSTT spinal service</p>		
<b>MDT Coordinator</b>	020 3299 5178 (Ext 35178)		
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