

Fact sheet

# Royal Adelaide Hospital

## Neurosurgery Outpatient Services

### Clinical Information Sheet

<b>Clinical Condition</b>	<b>Spinal disorder with suspected inflammatory component</b>
<b>Eligibility</b>	Spinal Pain +/- peripheral joint/limb symptoms with systemic inflammatory disorder suggested by symptoms and/or CBE, ESR, CRP
<b>Pre-referral management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Investigate for inflammatory disorder by CBE, ESR, CRP</li><li>• Consider spinal investigation (MRI)</li><li>• Analgesia/NSAID recommendation/prescription as appropriate</li></ul>
<b>Priority</b>	<b><u>URGENT/SEMI-URGENT</u></b>  Mon-Fri, 9-5: must be discussed with the rheumatology registrar on call on (08) 7074 0000 to obtain appropriate prioritization and then a referral letter faxed to (08) 7074 6247. After hours: contact the medical registrar on call via RAH switchboard (08) 7074 0000
<b>Investigations required with referral</b>	Include copies of all relevant investigation findings (as suggested in pre-referral management above) with referral
<b>Discharge Criteria/information</b>	Discharge once condition stabilized or resolved and/or no long term disease-modifying/immunosuppressive therapy is required

For more information

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