# Self-Referral to Eden Musculoskeletal Outpatient Physiotherapy



North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust

Please complete all sections of this form (Please note – incomplete forms may not be processed) and either

- 1. Return it to the main reception desk at Penrith Hospital, Bridge Lane, Penrith, CA11 8HX
- 2. Email to <a href="mailto:physioeden@ncic.nhs.uk">physioeden@ncic.nhs.uk</a>

<u>IMPORTANT</u> – Please allow 3 working days and then ring 01768 245585 between 9.00am and 3.00pm Monday to Friday to arrange your appointment

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### Not sure if physiotherapy is right for you?

Physiotherapy can be particularly beneficial if you are suffering from back pain, neck pain, injuries such as strains or sprains, or if you are experiencing joint and/or muscular pain. Physiotherapists can also treat men and women suffering from incontinence.

## Unfortunately, you are unable to self refer to this service if:

- You want to see a physiotherapist about a neurological or breathing problem. You will need to seek a referral via your GP.
- · You need a home visit.
- You want physiotherapy following a recent operation; for this you will need to be referred by your surgeon.

If you are under 16 years of age you will need a guardian to accompany you to your initial assessment.

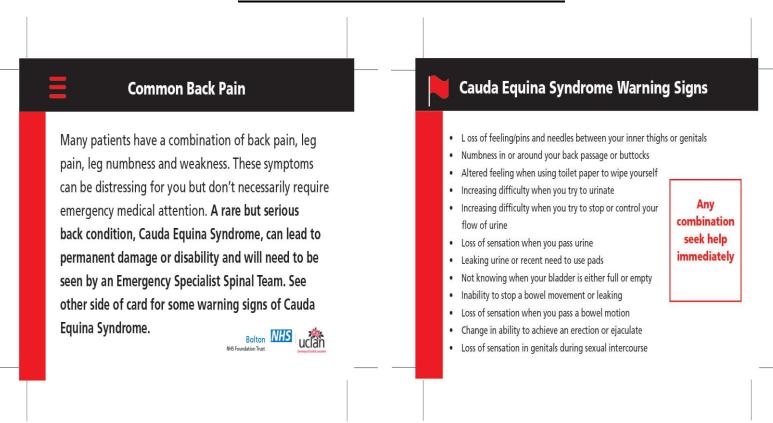
#### Pain Relief?

Over the counter painkillers can be helpful. A pharmacist will be able to advise you on the appropriate tablets. If your symptoms worsen you may wish to see your GP. If you have an old injury, you may find that placing a hot water bottle wrapped in a towel on the affected area for 10 minutes reduces pain, while for a new injury you can use a pack of frozen peas wrapped in a damp towel for 10 minutes. **Please be aware that hot and cold can burn** and that you need to check every 5 minutes to make sure that your skin does not become very red or blotchy. If this happens, stop.

## What can I do for myself in the meantime?

It has been shown that resting for more than a day or so does not help and may actually prolong pain and disability. You may need to alter your activities initially, but the sooner you can get back to normal activity the sooner you will feel better. Getting stiff joints and muscles working can be painful, but this is a normal response and not a sign of damage. Feeling a bit sore initially is also normal and often a good sign that you are making progress. Changing your position or activity frequently through the day will help to prevent and reduce stiffness. Try to build up your general activity gradually.

## **Further Guidance from Question 9 overleaf**



\*\*\*If you are experiencing or develop the above symptoms it is advised you seek emergency medical advice through your GP practice, NHS 111 or the A and E department\*\*\*