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Who to Contact for Spinal Referrals:

In the last few years, there have been changes to the on-call spinal consultant rota. The on-call consultant will sometimes be a spinal neurosurgeon and will sometimes be a spinal orthopaedic surgeon. There has been no change in who takes the referrals; this is still pathology-dependent as follows (irrespective of which consultant is on-call):

Referrals for Neurosurgery: *Referrals to be made via www.LeedsNeurosurgery.com website*

- All cervical spine pathology of any nature (C1-T1)
- Cauda equina syndrome (except that which is due to suspected trauma or metastatic lesions)
- Intradural spinal tumours at any level
- Post-op neurosurgical patients

Referrals for Orthopaedics: *Referrals to be made to on-call orthopaedic doctor via switchboard*

- All thoracolumbar spinal pathology except the above (T2-Sacrum)
- Thoraco-lumbar fractures (even if cord compression)
- Post-op orthopaedic patients (Mr Khan/Rao/Gummerson/Rudol/Milner/Dunsmuir)

Metastatic Spinal Cord Compression: *Referrals should be made to oncology who will liaise with orthopaedics if surgical input required*