## Limp pathway

### Clinical support tool for remote clinical assessment

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<th>Green – low risk</th>
<th>Amber – intermediate risk</th>
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<td>Mechanism of injury</td>
<td>• No trauma</td>
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<td>Duration of symptoms</td>
<td>• &lt;72 hours</td>
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<td>• ≥72 hours</td>
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<td>Nature of limp</td>
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