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You asked:

Please provide the Orthopaedic Department criteria for assessing referrals i.e. what is the criteria for an 'urgent' referral for a hip or knee replacement from a GP?

Our response:

The criteria for urgent grading for hip and knee replacements falls in line with the Royal College of Surgeon's prioritisation criteria.

A decision is made after a review of the referral and viewing of relevant imaging/X-rays.

Urgent referral criteria includes;

- Urgent Suspected cancer (USC)
- Evidence of infection
- Significant Bony collapse
- Avascular necrosis with collapse (not subchondral cysts typical with arthritis mistakenly reported as avascular necrosis)
- Joint deformity consistent with imminent ligament failure



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