

# svomp

## **Serious pathology course - Red flags in clinical practice**

This course will consider those pathologies that can masquerade as musculoskeletal conditions which make it challenging for clinicians to know whether the cause of a patient's symptoms is from a musculoskeletal disorder or serious pathology.

The course will cover serious pathology of the spine and will include the most common pathologies:

- Cauda equina syndrome
- Fracture
- Malignancy
- Spinal Infection

Learning objectives:

- To develop a better understanding of which serious pathologies are most likely to mimic musculoskeletal disorders.
- Understand when patients might be at more risk of developing serious pathology.
- Know when further investigation is appropriate and the speed at which this is necessary.
- Review of the evidence associated with red flags.
- To develop a comprehensive subjective strategy for patients that you may suspect have serious pathology including in depth questioning beyond red flag questioning.
- To develop a comprehensive strategy for patients that you may suspect have serious pathology including safety netting.