

THE LIMPING CHILD

RED FLAGS

- Fever, night sweats, malaise, weight loss/faltering growth
- Unexplained rash or bruising
- A palpable mass
- Pain waking child at night from sleep
- Redness, swelling, stiffness of joint
- Suspicion of NAI (inconsistent history, delayed presentation, incongruent pattern of injury, vulnerable child – due to social or medical reasons)
- Neurological deficit
- Very young children (< 2 years of age)
- Any immunodeficiency either inherited or acquired, including chromosomal abnormality, asplenia, **sickle cell disease**, inherited primary immunodeficiency

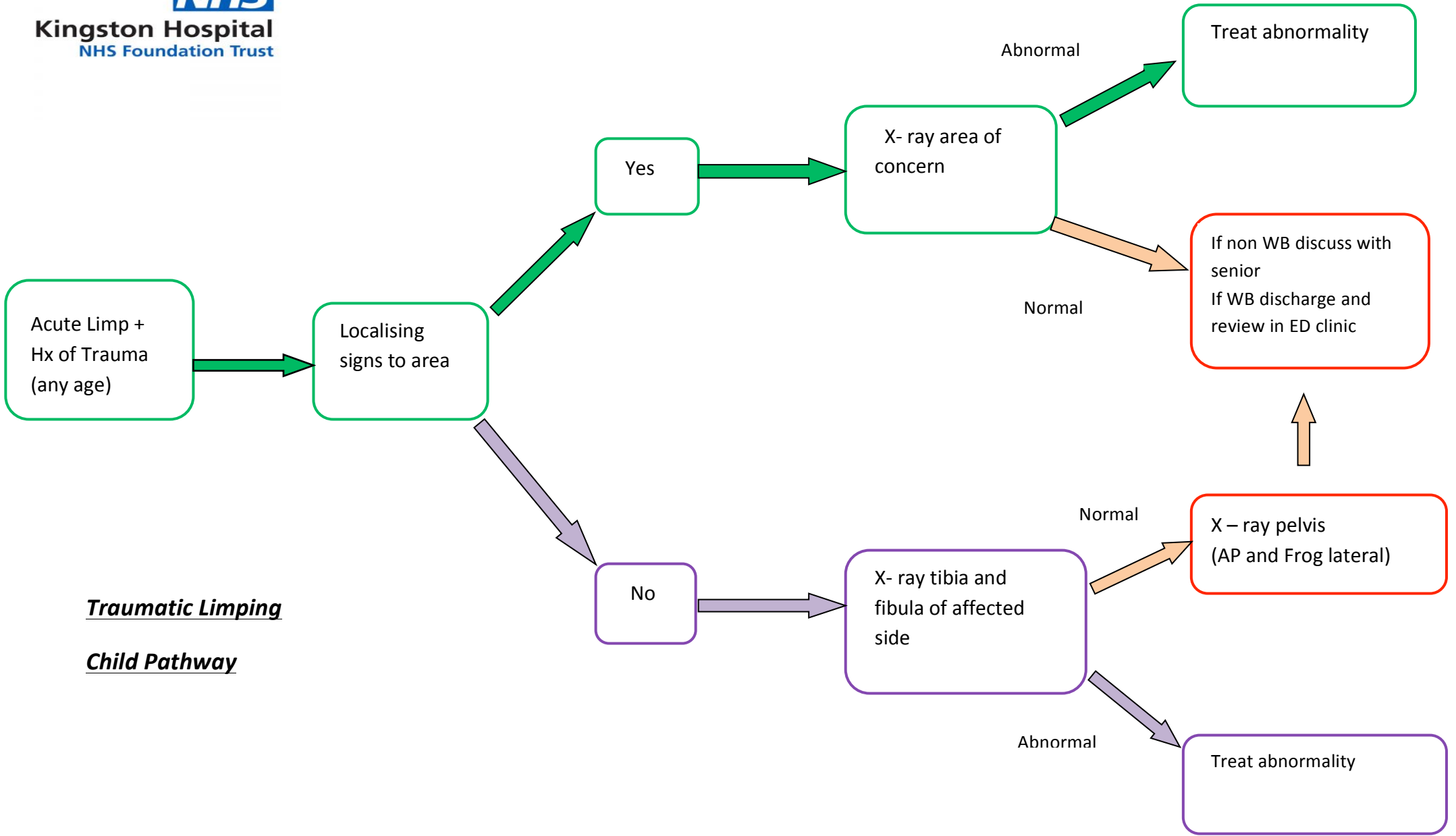


Don't forget Kocher's Criteria:

- Non weight-bearing
- CRP > 20 or ESR > 40
- Fever > 38.5
- WCC > 12

** >2 Criteria = increased risk of septic arthritis*

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Traumatic Limping

Child Pathway

*** Any non – weight bearing child with no apparent cause for limping after investigations MUST be discussed with a senior prior to discharge*

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Atraumatic Limping child pathway

