

20181009 FOI ref 399-1819 Septic Arthritis in Adults Questionnaire

1. Which hospital do you work at?

Royal Stoke University Hospital

2. How many adult patients with septic arthritis does your hospital manage in a month?

Accurate data is not available. Estimate 5 – 10 in patients per month.

3. Does your department have a written guideline for the investigation and management of potential septic arthritis in adults?

Yes	yes
No	
Verbal Only	

4. Where is your guideline taken from? (For example, BSR, local guideline etc.)

Local guideline

5. When septic arthritis is a differential diagnosis, what imaging is routinely requested?

Plain film radiographs of the joint	yes
CT	
MRI	
Ultrasound	
Other (please specify)	

Please specify:

6. When the diagnosis is unclear, what additional imaging requested?

CT	
MRI	yes
Ultrasound	
No additional imaging requested	
Other (please specify)	

Please specify:

7. In a **native** joint, excluding the hip, where is joint aspiration commonly performed?

Emergency Department	yes
Admissions Unit / Inpatient Ward	
Operating Theatre	
Radiology Department	
Other (please specify)	

Please specify:

8. In suspected septic arthritis of the hip joint, where is joint aspiration commonly performed?

Emergency Department	
Admissions Unit / Inpatient Ward	
Operating Theatre	yes
Radiology Department	
Other (please specify)	

Please specify:

9. Which specialty is responsible for the initial aspiration of **native** joints, excluding the hip?

Emergency Medicine		Rheumatology		Please specify:
Trauma Orthopaedics	and	yes	Other (please specify)	

10. If different, which specialty is responsible for aspiration of the hip joint?

Emergency Medicine		Rheumatology		Please specify:
Trauma Orthopaedics	and	yes	Other (please specify)	

11. Are any of the following investigations included in your **native** joint guideline?

Serum Procalcitonin (PCT)	no
Synovasure Alpha Defencin test	no

12. Are any of the following investigations included in your **prosthetic** joint guideline?

Serum Procalcitonin (PCT)	no
Synovasure Alpha Defencin test	no

13. Which antibiotic is used as the first-line treatment, assuming the patient has no drug allergies?

flucloxacillin

14. What is the first-line antibiotic when the patient has a known allergy to penicillin?

teicoplanin

15. Under which specialty are patients with septic arthritis initially admitted?

Emergency Department		Rheumatology		Please specify:
Trauma Orthopaedics	and	yes	Other (please specify)	

16. If any, what is your first-line invasive treatment?

Joint aspirated to dryness, as often as necessary		Please specify:
Joint washed-out arthroscopically	yes	
Joint taken to theatre for open debridement		
Other (please specify)		

17. In your department, is adjuvant corticosteroid therapy routinely used in the treatment of septic arthritis?

Yes      No      no

18. Is there a mechanism in your hospital (e.g. audit process) whereby missed cases of septic arthritis (or delayed diagnosis) are collected, for example, by examining readmission data?

19. If so, please specify:

Yes		No	no
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