



Vertebral Fracture Identification:

Previously unreported fracture pathway in the absence of FLS

Patient has investigation for an indication outside of fragility fracture and osteoporosis

Lateral spine is evaluated routinely by reporting clinician in all imaging that includes the thoracic and/or lumbar spine

Vertebral fracture identified (defined by end plate fracture or moderate/severe deformity)

Reporting clinician records 'vertebral fracture with appropriate sign posting*' for further assessment

Report received by the referring clinician- action required

Assessment to consider differential diagnosis, quantify fracture risk and investigate underlying causes of Osteoporosis. Implement management plan to control symptoms/fracture related pain and reduce the risk of further fracture**

***examples:**

- 'Referral to FLS is recommended'
- 'further assessment for osteoporosis and underlying causes for fracture are recommended'

****Fragility fracture pathway for management for secondary fracture prevention**

