Hip Pain

Red flags
Possible serious pathology

• Age < 20yr > 60yr
• Age 9 – 14 consider slipped epiphysis
• Constant pain
• Unremitting night pain
• Sudden onset of severe pain
• Unable to weight bear
• Systemic features – fever, weight loss, morning stiffness
• Rheumatoid arthritis and inflammatory arthritis
• Previous steroids or Ca
• Osteomalacia

FBC, ESR, LFTs
bone profile
X-ray

Urgent referral

Orthopaedics / Rheumatology

Symptomatic Paget’s disease on X-ray

Rheumatology

Osteoarthritic hips
Painful hip replacements

Orthopaedics