Knee Pain

Knee pain & Pre-patellar swelling adults, non traumatic

Bursitis

Acute

If hot aspirate to exclude infection or gout

Microscopy (Cells & Crystals) & Culture

Culture Positive

Treat Antibiotics Rest - Splint

If associated cellulitis

Refer to Casualty

Culture Negative (+/- positive crystals)

Check blood FBC, ESR, Rh factor uric acid

Rheumatology

Orthopaedics

Chronic

NSAIDs avoid precipitating cause

Resolution within four weeks

NO

Aspirate + local steroid injection

No response

Rheumatology

Casualty