



What is an Elective Orthopaedic Outpatient Department ?

- **Very busy**
- **Surgeons/registrars/residents/students/nurses/admin staff/clowns**
- **Weekly referrals**
- **Triage – Categories 1,2,3**
- **Long wait list for 1st appointment**
- **Long wait on appointment day**



What is a Musculoskeletal Physiotherapist

- **APA titled**
- **Postgraduate qualification**
- **Ongoing professional development**
- **Experience in private sector**
- **Primary contact provider**



Orthopaedic Screening Clinics

➤ UK

Pilot study at TNH

➤ Better Skills Best Care initiative - DHS

➤ Impact

➤ Quality

➤ Acceptability

Pilot Study

- Agreed diagnosis/management plan.
- 63% did not need to see surgeon
- Satisfaction survey
 - Referring GP
 - Patient





Orthopaedic Screening Clinic

- **Commenced 16 Jan 2007**
- **Two clinics each Tuesday**
- **11% = wait listed for surgery/orth review**
- **64% = did not need to see surgeon**
- **Impact on wait list time for first appt**
 - **Cat 2, 3**
 - **Cat 1**

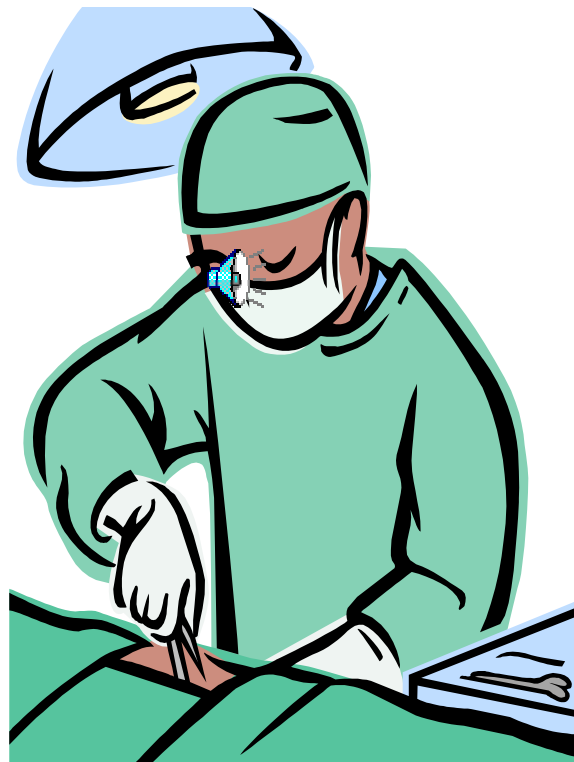


Risk Management

- **Flow Chart**
- **Identify Red Flags**
- **Discharge Protocols**
- **Direct referral – organise radiology**
- **Discussion of cases**



Managing Barriers To Change





Managing Barriers To Change

- **Right person at the right time**
- **Direct referral**
- **Discussion**
- **Audit Presentation**
- **Monthly Journal Club**
- **Room Allocation**
- **Timing of clinic**



Positive Impact – Many are Happy

- CHS
- Patients
- GP's
- Hospital Specialists
- Admin staff
- Physios