Pre-Conference Workshop

Screening for Serious Pathology: Asking the Right Questions

Friday, August 28, 2020
7.30am – 11.30am / 3.75 contact hours

Cost: $95USD

Maximum Attendees: 100

Facilitators
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Description
A key consideration for allied health clinicians is determining whether every presenting patient is in front of the right person at this given point in their health care journey.

Red Flags have been reported in the literature to help identify patients with serious pathology who will require onward referral or further investigation. Identifying red flag indicators early is critical in reducing the risk and ramifications of delayed diagnosis of serious pathology.

There is, however, limited clinical evidence or guidance in how these Red Flag signs and symptoms should be interpreted by a clinician. This is further complicated when the value of some specific questions used by clinicians to screen for serious pathology lack validity and diagnostic accuracy.

In this four hour workshop, participants will get an overview of the current evidence for Red Flags, assess the potential issues around specific screening questions, and analyse how the history and physical examination components of the MDT assessment help to identify serious pathology.

The workshop will involve critical analysis of the assessment process and identification of serious pathology through a pre-course task, presentations, discussions, group work, homework and after course feedback.

Implications/Conclusions
Participants can expect to leave this workshop with increased awareness of serious pathologies and how to identify these conditions that may be masquerading as a musculoskeletal complaint. Participants will learn what value to place on various ‘Red Flag’ signs and symptoms and the value of specific screening questions.

Objectives
1. Recognize the red flags associated with serious pathology, and improve consideration of serious pathology as a differential diagnosis.
2. Discuss integration and interpretation of current research in combination with clinical reasoning and careful questioning to assist with appropriate screening for serious pathology.
3. Discuss appropriate onward referral management for patients presenting with suspicions of serious pathology.

Target Audience: Clinicians, researchers, educators who wish to be aware of and understand the latest evidence on the screening of Serious Pathology: How to ask the right questions of patients to ensure the appropriate Red Flags are gathered and evaluated leading to well-informed management decisions.
References


Workshop Agenda
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