

Investigation of the week: May 30

A 4 year old boy presents with fever, sore throat and reluctance to move his neck.

Initial observations are HR 120, RR 25, Sats 98% RA, temp 39C.

A lateral neck xray is taken prior to your assessment of the patient:



1. List the most significant finding?
2. What patient group is a highest risk of developing this and why?
3. List at least 5 'red flag' features on history and examination
4. List 3 complications of this condition
5. List your 3 most important management priorities