

Professionals

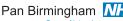
Past medical history of cancer

(but note 25% patients do not have diagnosed primary)

Early diagnosis is essential

as the prognosis is severely impaired once paralysis occurs

A combination of Red Flags increases suspicion (the more red flags the higher the risk and the greater urgency



Greenhalgh S, Turnpenney J, Richards L, Selfe J (2010)

Referred back pain that is multi-segmental or band-like

scalating pain which is poorly responsive to treatment (incl medication)

Different character or site to previous symptoms

unny feelings, odd sensations or heavy legs (multi-segmental)

ving flat increases back pain

Agonising pain causing anguish and despair

ait disturbance, unsteadiness, especially on stairs (not just a limp)

Sleep grossly disturbed due to pain being worse at night

NB - Established motor/sensory/bladder/bowel disturbances → late signs

