Investigation for Septic Arthritis Emergency Department – Observation Unit

Attach Patient Label Here	Date of Admission	
	ED Care Provider Name	
	Signature	

• Patients can be admitted to Observation while awaiting results and/or Orthopaedic review.

Observation Unit Criteria	Exclusion Criteria
 NEWS2 ≤ 4 Bloods & joint aspirate sent Orthopaedics aware of patient 	• NEWS2 > 4
Likely length of stay <12 hours	

Baseline Investigations

- FBC, U&Es, LFTs, CRP, ESR
- Joint Aspirate

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N/A

The above recommendations may not be appropriate for all patients and should be checked before prescribing.

Observation Frequency Circle as indicated				
30 Minutes	1 Hourly	2 Hourly	4 Hourly	

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Requires trolley? Circle as indicated			
Yes	No – suitable for chair		

Additional Instructions

Observation Unit Discharge Criteria	Hospital Admission Criteria
 Reviewed by Doctor or Orthopaedics who feel no evidence of Septic Arthritis Pain controlled 	Confirmed Septic Arthritis

Observation Unit Discharge Checklist			
Discharge notes completed on TRAK			
Discharge medications prescribed			
Patient information leaflet provided			
Discharged By	Name	Signature	

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