PATHWAY FOR CONGENITAL DYSPLASTIC HIP - 6 WEEK CHECK (DDH)

CONSIDER RISK FACTORS WHEN DECIDING WHETHER TO REFERENCE:
- Breach position
- Family history
- Multiple births
- Foot abnormality

Examination in Primary Care at 6 weeks

NOTE:
A neonatal check takes place at 24-48 hours to check for instability or Ortolani and Barlow’s test

1. INSTABILITY

- Refer for urgent ultrasound.

   Yes Positive? No

   Radiology will automatically refer to Paediatric Orthopaedics

   Reassure parents

2. CLICKY

- Refer for urgent ultrasound

   Yes Positive? No

   Radiology will automatically refer to Paediatric Orthopaedics

   Reassure parents

3. UNCLEAR DIAGNOSIS

- Refer for routine ultrasound

   Yes Positive? No

   Refer to Paediatric Orthopaedics

   Reassure parents

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PATHWAY FOR CONGENITAL DYSPLASTIC HIP – CHILD OVER 4 MONTHS (DDH)

Child **over 4 months** presents with
- Reduced movement
- Abnormal creases
- Leg length discrepancy

Refer for **urgent** AP Pelvic X-ray

Positive?

Yes
- Refer to **Paediatric Orthopaedics**

No
- Re-examine leg length

Discrepancy?

Yes
- Refer to **Paediatrics (not Orthopaedics)**

No
- Reassure parents

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