

## Red Flags/Surgical referral

- Recent trauma <12/52 (acute Hand clinic ) –Open laceration or ulceration, suspected fracture/dislocation/tendon injury
- Bite (Human, cat, dog) punch injury to teeth with laceration
- New symptoms in previously operated joint
- Systemic symptoms (fever, night pain, loss of body weight – 30% in < 2/12)
- Red, hot swollen finger (flexor sheath infection – consider A&E)

Patient is referred to the MSK Triage service with Wrist and Hand pain – Referrer should consult TNRF before referral to service.

Known or Suspected OA

- Poorly localised pain after activity
- < 30 minutes or NO early morning stiffness
  - Progressive stiffness or sensory loss

