

Table 2

Red flag symptoms suggesting possible serious underlying pathology

- Significant trauma
- Immunosuppression
- History of malignancy
- Hot swollen joint
- Systemic upset, fever, night sweats, weight loss
- Extremes of age < 20 or > 55
- Rapid deterioration in symptoms
- Nocturnal pain
- Neurological symptoms
- Current or recent infection
- Claudication
- Abdominal mass