

# Reducing harm for people waiting for spinal surgery

Remote patient monitoring tech that helps to provide active clinical oversight and identify early signs of harm.



## What does the pathway look like?



**Monitor:** Red-flag symptoms, changes in condition and general wellbeing to reduce preventable harms.



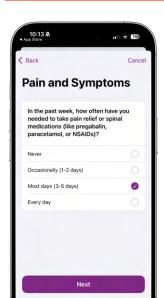
Measure: Capture vitals like blood pressure and weight with flexible input through Bluetooth, manual entry or via Apple Health and Google Health Connect.



Medication: Track response to pain relief and signs of dependency.



**Education:** Support self-management with simple resources in video, audio and written formats.



## **Example questions and red flags**

Patient answers generate HIGH, MED or LOW concern levels so clinical teams can prioritise reviews or surgical lists. Fortnightly pain and symptom questionnaires and monthly wellbeing and quality-of-life questionnaires keep care on track.

### **Example questions:**

Are you experiencing new or worsening numbness or tingling in your legs or feet?

How has your pain changed since your last questionnaire?

#### **Example red flags:**

New or worsening paraesthesia, pain spikes, bladder and/or bowel changes, impact on everyday activities

## **Key benefits**

- Reduce risk of deterioration or complications (e.g. paralysis) while waiting
- Prioritise patients based on emerging risk, not just waiting time
- Mitigate clinical risk in line with governance standards
- Reduce likelihood of emergency cases and more complex interventions
- Lead innovation in spinal surgery with a proactive digital solution

