

Tethered Cord Evaluation and Perioperative Management Clinical Pathway — Inpatient and Primary Care

Tethered Cord Signs and Symptoms

For acute neurologic symptoms, recommend ED referral or urgent neurosurgical consultation (1-800-TRY-CHOP) during business hours. After hours, refer to the ED.

Signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dark hairy patch located midline along the spine in the thoracic or lumbar region Spinal lipomas or mass along spine Hemangioma along spine, not always midline Y-shaped or deviated gluteal crease Sacral dimple located above gluteal crease Coccygeal pit located within gluteal crease
Symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weakness Paresthesias Neurologic club foot (talipes equinovarus) Lower back pain Urinary or bowel dysfunction

