Safety Alert:
Missed hip fractures

A PAIN IN THE GROIN...
National incident data reveals we miss hip fractures for reasons that include:

- **Not considering imaging for collapse or fall due to medical problem**
  Ensure documentation of hip/pelvis exam & have a low threshold for imaging.

- **Not considering re-imaging for patients that return with ongoing pain**

- **Accepting a normal radiograph despite ongoing pain**
  Normal plain radiographs?
  - Re-examine the patient
  - Can they straight leg raise?
  - Is there pain on hip internal or external rotation?
  - Can the patient weight bear, are they in pain?

If clinical concern of a fracture remains, consider cross sectional imaging (CT or MRI - agreed locally)

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