

08th October 2018

Dear Doctor,

Re: Mrs Charlotte Raegan

Thank you for seeing Mrs Charlotte Raegan at the Emergency Department. She has had an acute worsening of lower back pain with right-sided sciatica symptoms. This is on a background of lower back pain after lifting her four-year-old 6 weeks ago. Since then she has had persistent and progressive sciatica symptoms and notable right leg weakness.

On examination, Charlotte has visible wasting of her right calf. She has a positive ipsilateral and crossed straight leg rise. She also has an absent right ankle jerk reflex and altered sensation in her right leg in dermatome distribution L5 and S1.

I have previously referred her for an MRI and plain x-rays of her lumbar spine and she will be bringing these with her.

She is otherwise well. She has PCOS for which she takes Metformin 850mg once daily. She has a past surgical history of a caesarean 4 years ago with her youngest child and an ORIF to left tibia in 2000 following an MVA.

She has a sedentary lifestyle, however the back pain is interfering with her family life. I am concerned that her symptoms have lasted more than one month, and are progressive. Please consider further pain management and evaluation for further management.

Thank you,

Dr. Guppy