

What You Should Know About Hip Pain

Who gets hip pain?

Hip pain is very common and can happen at any age.

What causes it?

Many different problems can cause hip pain. Problems inside the hip joint cause pain at the inner thigh or groin. Problems with the muscles, tendons, ligaments, nerves, and soft tissues around the hip joint cause pain on the outside of the hip, upper thigh, or buttock. Problems in the lower back may also cause hip pain.

What will my doctor do?

Your doctor will ask you questions about your symptoms, like when they started and if anything makes them worse or better. He or she will also examine your hip, back, and legs. Sometimes, an x-ray or MRI is needed.

What are the worrisome symptoms?

You should see a doctor right away or go to the emergency room if you:

- Can't put weight on your leg or hip
- Can't move your leg or hip
- Have fever or chills
- Have severe pain

Where can I get more information?

Your doctor

AAFP's Patient Education Resource

http://sitesearch.familydoctor.org/?q=hip+pain&x=0&y=0&sp_cs=UTF-8&sop=en

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