

IAP - IJPP CME 2021**LIMPING CHILD*****Sankar R**

Abstract: Painful or painless limp or gait disturbances are one of the most common problems encountered in general pediatric practice. The cause for this condition can be benign to life threatening. Thorough history taking with examination along with appropriate investigations help pediatricians to manage children with limp. This article aims to help practicing paediatricians differentiate various causes and approach to investigation and care of the same.

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Points to Remember

- *Causes of limp varies with age.*
- *Fever with painful limp needs urgent evaluation.*
- *Adolescent with acute onset of limp needs investigation to rule out slipped capital femoral epiphysis.*

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