

Chronic low back pain differential diagnosis

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1. degenerative conditions
 - a) [degenerative spondylolisthesis](#)
 - b) [lumbar spinal stenosis](#)
 - c) [lateral recess syndrome](#)
2. spondyloarthropathies
 - a) ankylosing spondylitis: look for erosive changes adjacent to SI joint and positive test for HLA- B27 antigen
 - b) Paget's disease of the spine: vertebral involvement is very common in a patients with Paget's disease
3. osteitis condensans ilii: increased density in ilium, usually asymptomatic (incidental) finding. Occasionally may produce low back pain or tenderness. Usually found in women who have been pregnant
4. psychological overlay: including secondary gain (financial, emotional...)

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