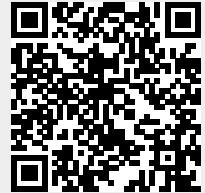


The [sciatic nerve](#) (/sar'ætɪk/; also called ischiadic nerve, ischiatic nerve) is a large nerve in humans and other animals. It begins in the lower back and runs through the buttock and down the lower [limb](#). It is the longest and widest single nerve in the human body, going from the top of the [leg](#) to the [foot](#) on the posterior aspect.

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