

Fungal spondylodiscitis is often because of *Candida albicans* or other common *Candida* species, whereas unusual strains such as *Candida sake* are often thought to be nonpathogenic.

In patients with chronic disorders such as end-stage renal disease (ESRD) spondylodiscitis can also be caused by rare fungal strains that are usually thought to be nonpathogenic; a correct diagnostic workup is essential, as such forms can promptly respond to common antimycotic agents <sup>1)</sup>

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