

# Infectious spinal disease

Infectious [spinal disease](#) is regarded as an infection by a specific [organism](#) that affects the [vertebral body](#), intervertebral disc and adjacent perivertebral soft tissue. Its incidence seems to be increasing as a result of larger proportion of the older patients with chronic debilitating disease, the rise of intravenous drug abuser, and the increase in spinal procedure and surgery. In Korea, studies assessing infectious spinal disease are rare and have not been addressed in recent times.

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