

see also [back pain differential diagnosis](#).

Low-back pain may be referred from sources other than the lumbar vertebrae, such as the [hip](#) or the [sacroiliac joint](#). Twenty to 25% of patients with low-back pain have some positive findings on provocative testing of the hip joint ¹⁾

Hip osteoarthritis can be tested with flexion, abduction, and rotation, such as the Faber test. Trochanteric bursitis is another common extraspinal source of back pain: a 20% rate of greater trochanteric pain syndrome has been reported in patients referred for low-back pain ²⁾

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