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Classification

Pseudarthrosis may be symptomatic or asymptomatic.

see Cervical pseudoarthrosis.

see Lumbar pseudarthrosis

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