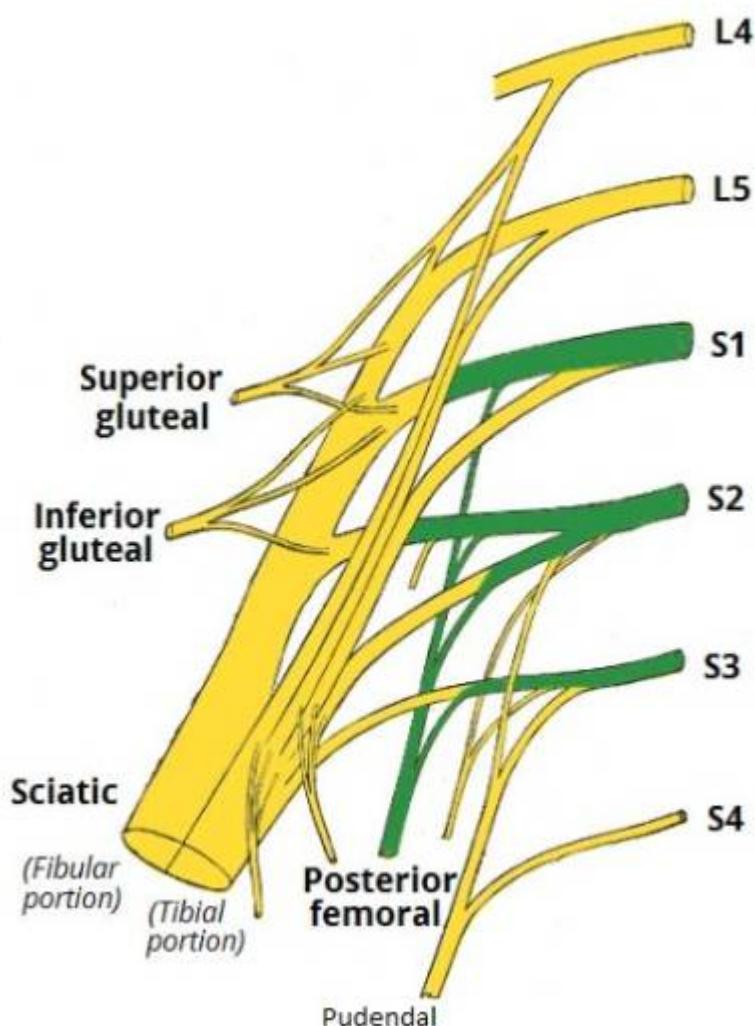


Sacral spinal nerve 3



The **sacral spinal nerve 3 (S3)** is a **spinal nerve** of the sacral segment.

It originates from the **spinal column** from below the 3rd body of the **sacrum**.

S3 supplies many **muscles**, either directly or through nerves originating from S3. They are not innervated with S3 as single origin, but partly by S3 and partly by other spinal nerves. The muscles are:

iliococcygeus

puborectalis

coccygeus

sphincter urethrae membranaceae

superior gemellus

Patients who had preservation of only one S3 nerve root had more severe incontinence (1.99 ± 0.79

versus 2.60 ± 0.63 , $p = 0.01$) and more sensory loss (1.88 ± 0.82 versus 2.31 ± 0.59 , $p = 0.02$) than those patients with preservation of bilateral S3 nerve roots ¹⁾.

Laparoscopic implantation of **neuromodulation electrodes** allows simultaneous stimulation of S3 and **pudendal nerves**, providing more programming options and possibly increasing success rates in complex pelvic floor dysfunction cases ²⁾.

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