

Schizas classification

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Grade A: no or minor [lumbar spinal stenosis](#)

A1: [rootlets](#) lying dorsally and occupying less than half of the [dural sac](#) area.

A2: rootlets lying dorsally with a horseshoe configuration

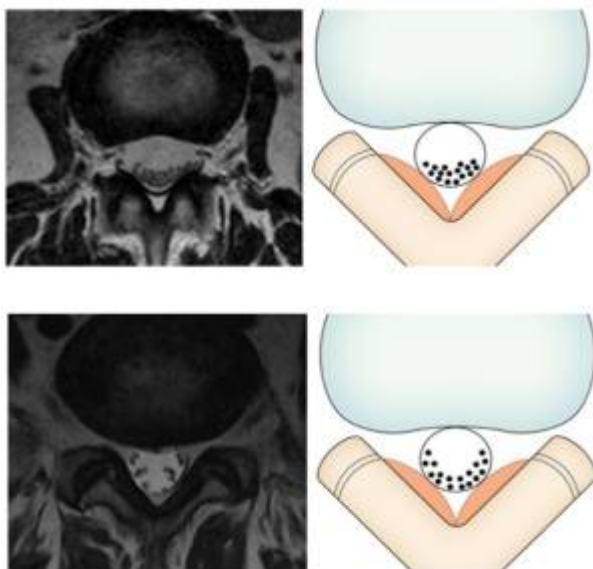
A3: rootlets lying dorsally and occupying more than half of the dural sac area

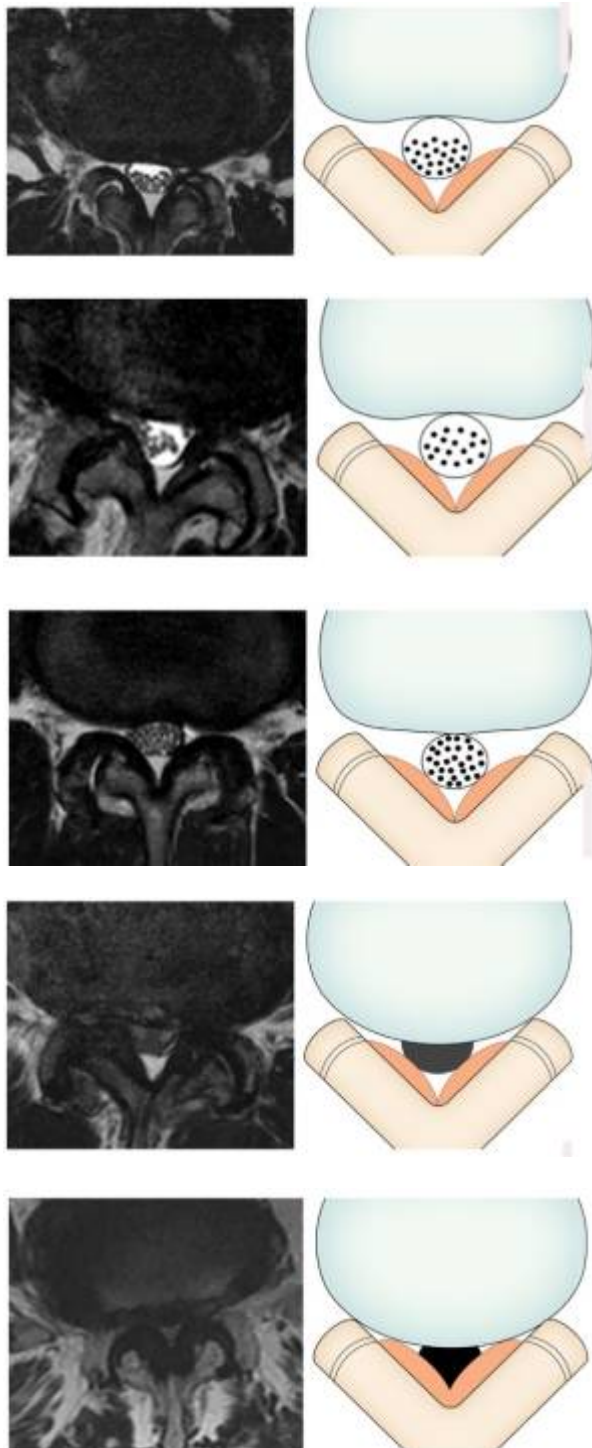
A4: rootlets lying centrally and occupying the majority of the dural sac area

Grade B: moderate stenosis: rootlets occupying the entire dural sac, but rootlets can still be individualized

Grade C: severe stenosis: no recognizable rootlets with complete effacement of cerebrospinal fluid space, but epidural fat is present posteriorly

Grade D: extreme stenosis: no recognizable rootlets and no epidural fat posteriorly ¹⁾





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