

# Synovial cyst

A synovial cyst is a fluid-filled sac having a synovial lining membrane in the spine.

see [Juxtafacet cyst](#).

## Synovial Cyst of the spine

Synovial [cysts](#) in the spine occur predominantly in the lumbar as compared to thoracic and cervical areas <sup>1)</sup>.

see [Lumbar synovial cyst](#)

see [Cervical synovial cyst](#)

see [Sacral synovial cyst](#)

## Differential diagnosis

[Ganglion cyst](#).

The distinction between the two may be difficult <sup>2)</sup> possibly owing in part the fact that fibroblasts in ganglion cysts may form an incomplete synovial-like lining <sup>3)</sup>.

<sup>1)</sup> , <sup>2)</sup>

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