

# Sacroiliac Joint Pain is NOT the Diagnosis. Why Does Their SIJ Hurt?

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# Disclosures

- None

# Sacroiliac Joint Pain

- 14-30% of axial low back pain
- Interventional treatment is expensive
  - Buysman et. al. 2018
    - Retrospective analysis of 302 patients who underwent SIJ fusion
    - Nonsurgical treatment costs prior to surgery
    - Cost an average of \$16,803 just in the 9 months leading up to surgery
  - Medicare pts cumulative 5-year direct medical costs  $\$18,527 \pm \$28,285$  ( $\pm$  SD) per patient. (2014)



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- The people who make the decisions
  - “value” of a given intervention
- Over utilized procedures
  - Under the microscope
- Marginal level of benefit
  - Outcomes measured from the 10,000 foot view





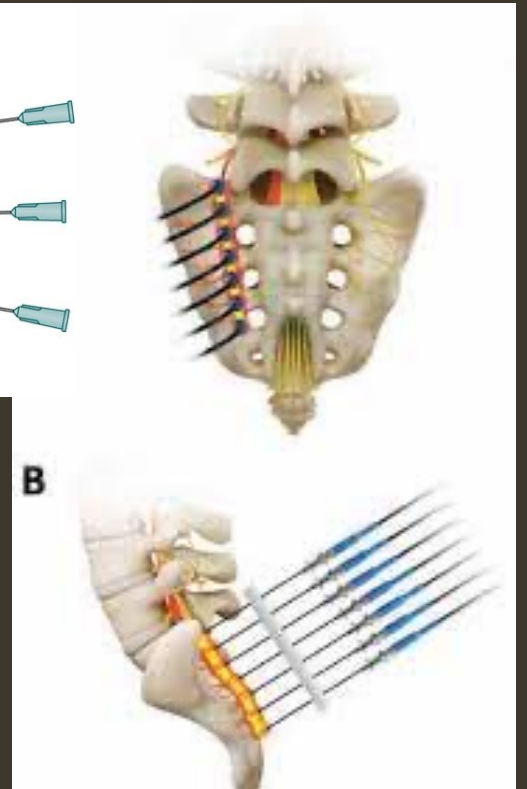
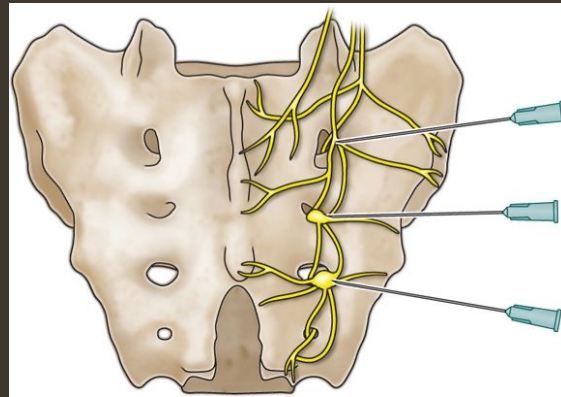
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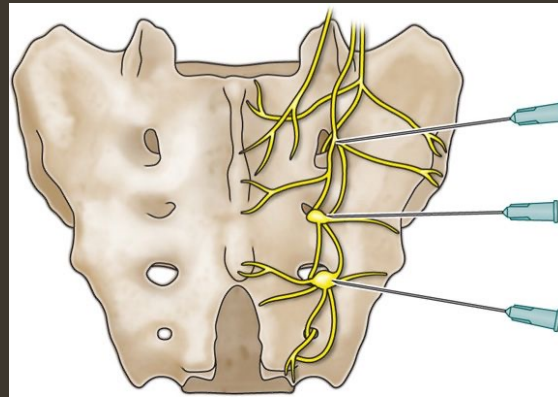
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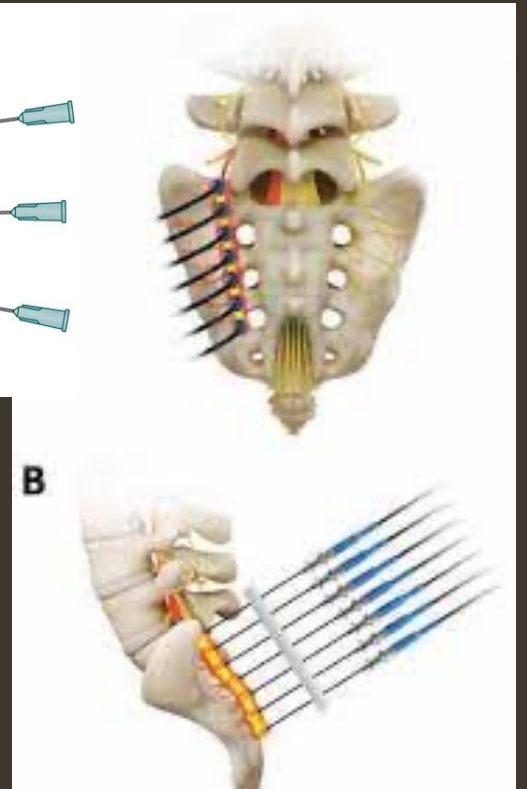


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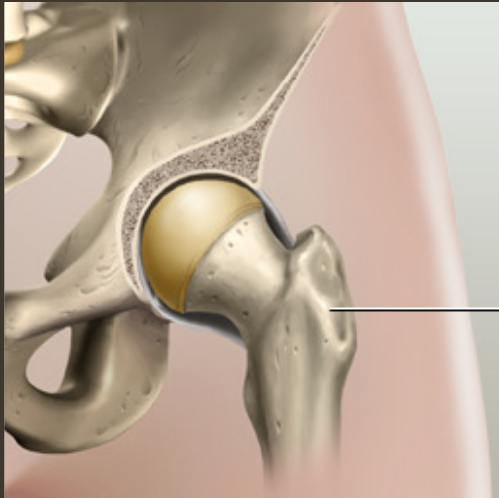


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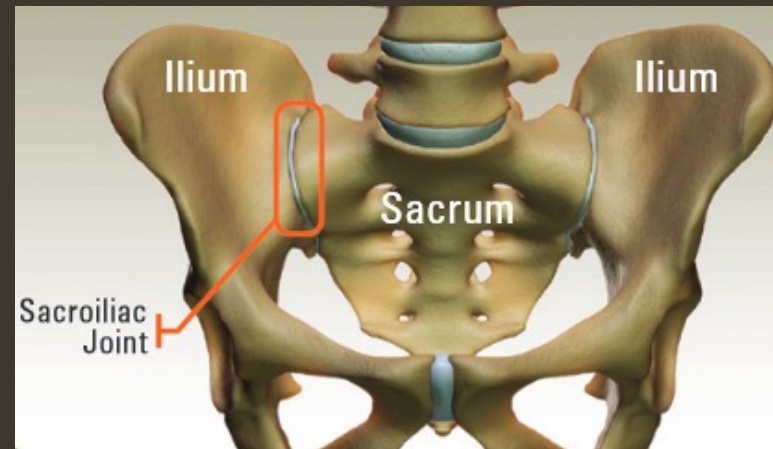


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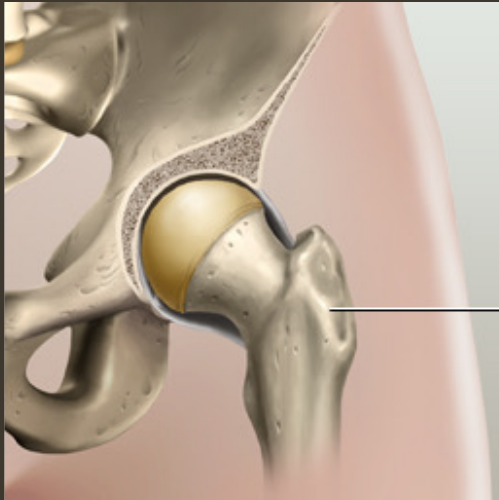


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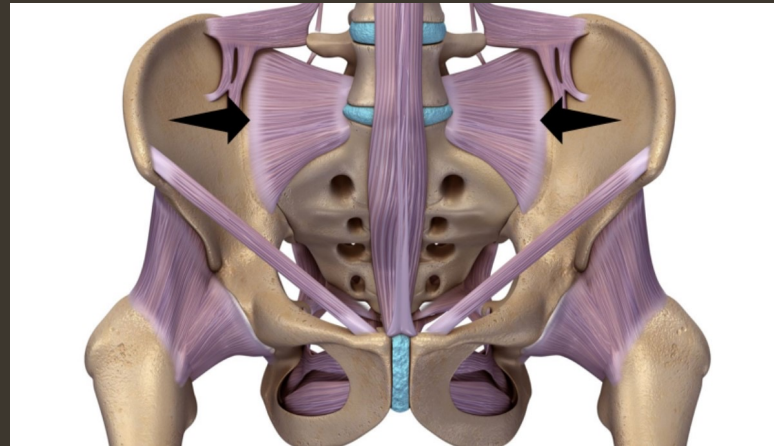


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# Pelvic Instability

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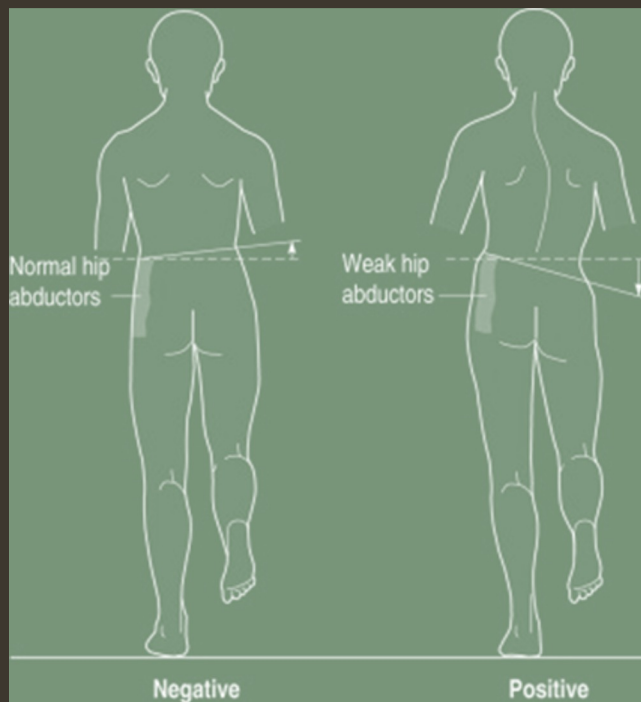
vs

- Movement system impairment syndrome





# Assess Pelvic Stability



Stand behind patient:

- “Stand on one leg”
- Assess PSIS and iliac crest motion/level
  - Esp. during the first moments of single leg stance
- Visual and tactile if necessary
- Uncompensated Trendelenburg = hip drop
- Compensated Trendelenburg = excessive hip hike
- Rate: good, fair or poor

# Assess Pelvic Stability



## Patient in side-lying:

- Roll 10-15° toward prone to eliminate TFL
  - Block them from rolling back
- Assist them into position and see how they maintain
- Unable to maintain position = grade 3 or less
- If Grade 4
  - Full hand at ankle
  - 2 fingers at ankle
  - 2 fingers at knee
- Unable to overpower with full hand at ankle = 5/5

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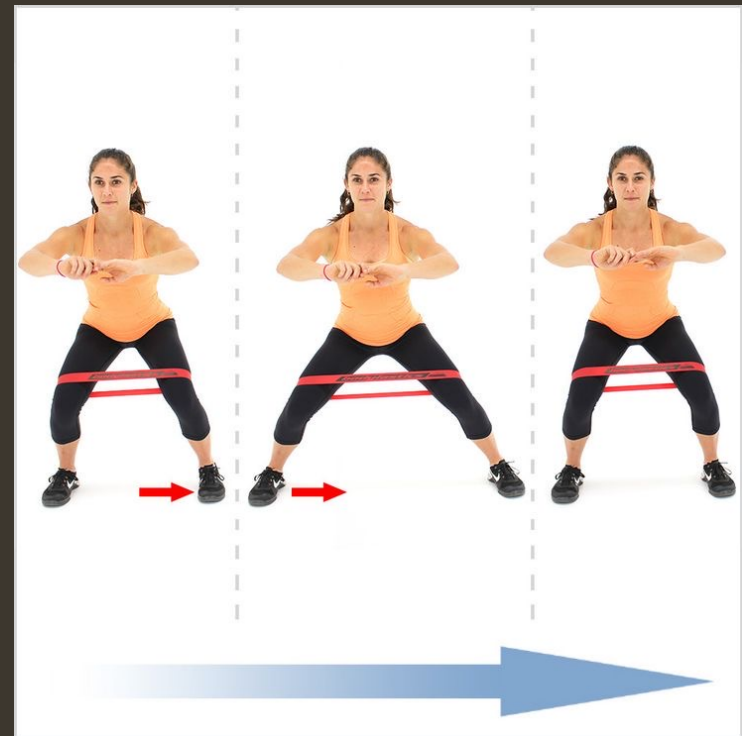
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  - **Movement System Impairment Syndrome** - impaired recruitment
  - **Pain inhibition** – intraarticular hip pain

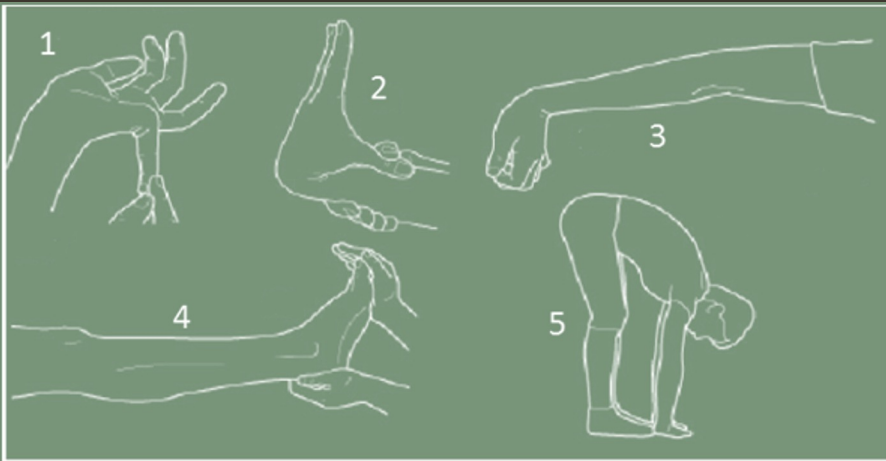
# Pelvic Instability

- Deconditioning/disuse atrophy
  - → Strengthening (monster walk, Clam shell etc)
- Gluteal tendinopathy/partial thickness tendon tearing
  - → Isolated eccentrics, PRP
- Radiculopathy
  - → Check for ADF weakness, Consider EMG, lumbar decompression
  - → Single point cane in the contralateral hand
- Movement system impairment syndrome
  - → Specialized PT (Shirley Sahrmann/WashU trained), Surface EMG Biofeedback
- Pain inhibition
  - → Address underlying pain generator (IA hip injection)



# Generalized Ligamentous Laxity

- aka “Benign” Hypermobility Syndrome
- Beighton Score
  - 0-3 = normal (0 = tight)
  - 4-8 = laxity
  - 9 = hyperlaxity

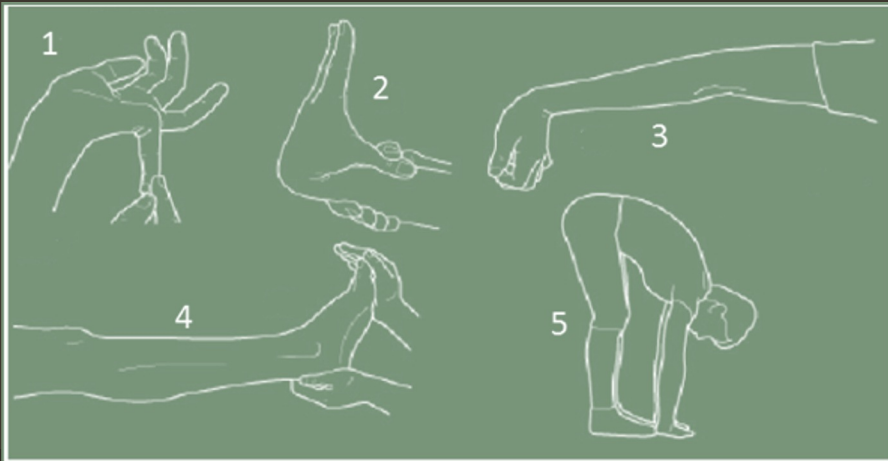


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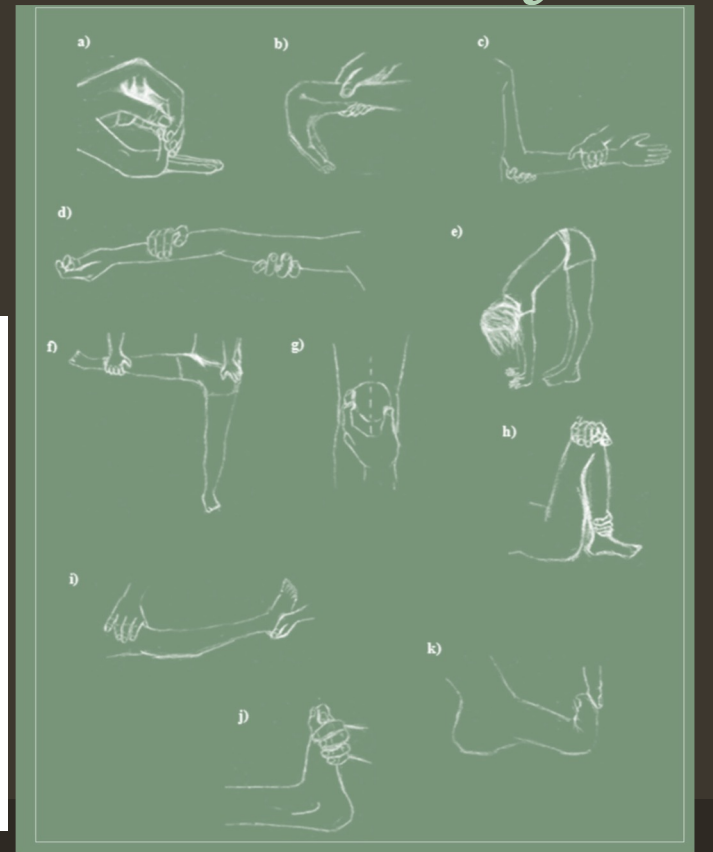


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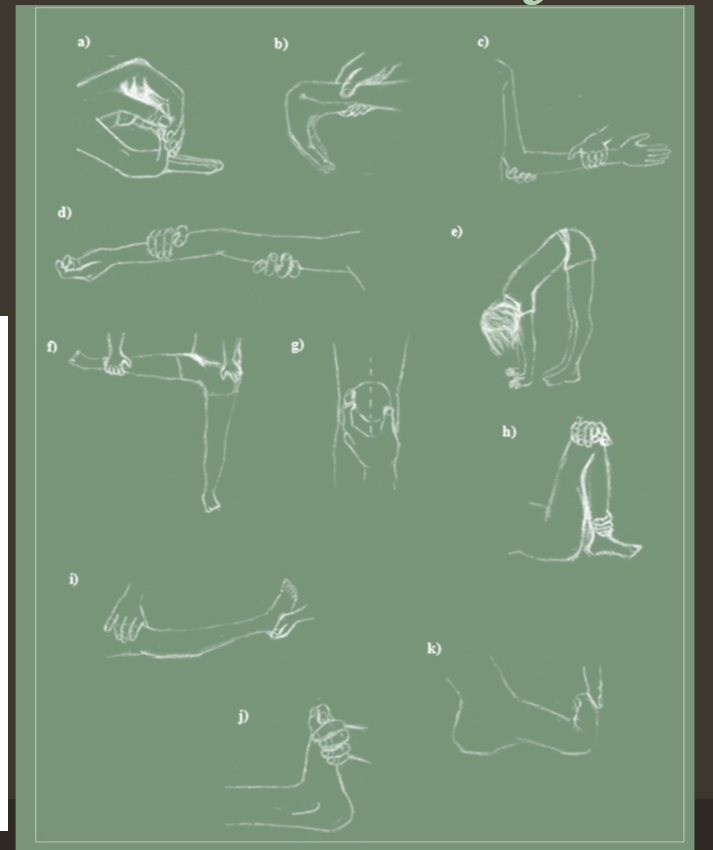
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- Consider signs and symptoms of hypermobility focally in the posterior pelvis
  - Clunking and shifting in the pelvis. Ability to self manipulate
    - Provokes or alleviates SIJ pain

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Pubescent up until age 50	≥5		
Over age 50	≥4		
Patients with AJs	BS 1 point under age requirements AND a positive 5PQ		
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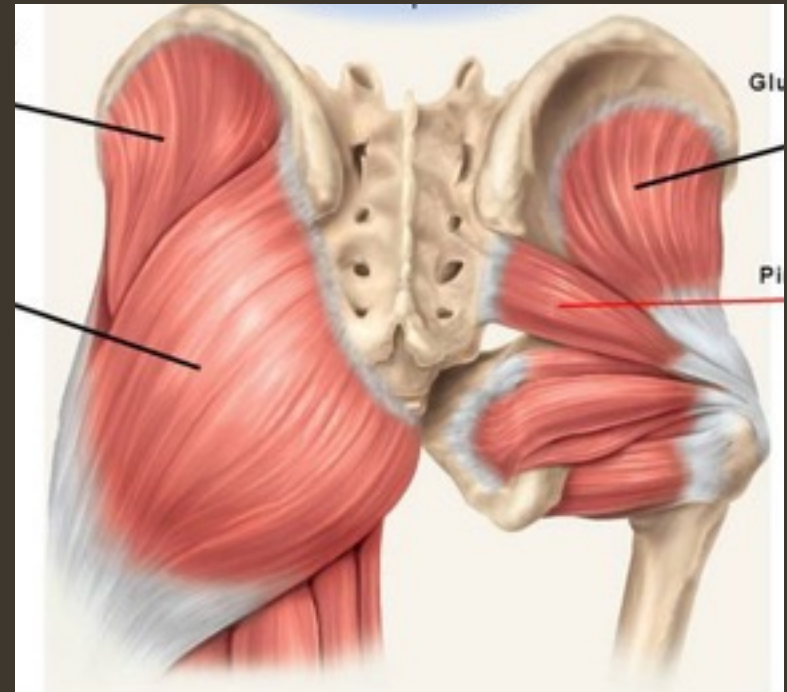
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- → SIJ belt
  - Judicious use
- → Prolotherapy



# Pregnancy and Peripartum



- Relaxin
  - Member of the insulin-like superfamily
  - Emanates from the corpus luteum and placenta
  - Wide range of activities
    - Hemodynamic changes - cardiac output, renal blood flow, and arterial compliance
    - Weakens the dorsal sacroiliac ligaments and pubic symphysis
      - Prominent in various animals but not well demonstrated experimentally in humans
    - Thought to play a role in the rate of ACL injury in females vs males

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# Pregnancy and Peripartum



- Sacroiliac dysfunction post-partum
  - Consider birthing complications/interventions
  - Size of baby
- → Often self corrects
- → Chiropractic manipulation
  - Non HVLA techniques initially
  - Muscle energy

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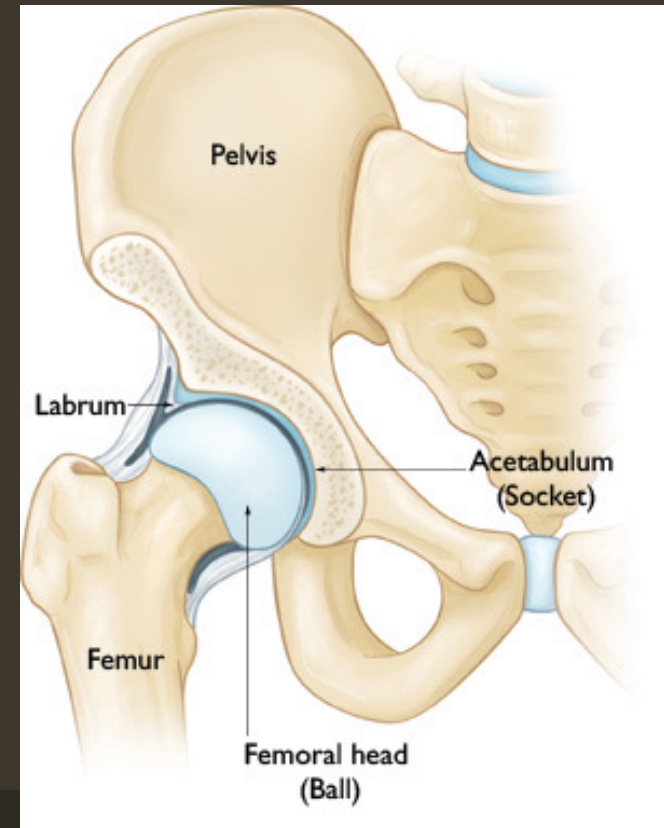
- First described by Offierski and MacNab in 1983
  - Secondary hip-spine syndrome
    - “cases in which spine symptoms are aggravated by deformity of the hip”
  - “Symptoms from both sites gives a confusing clinical picture and may require ancillary investigations to diagnose the major source of disability.”
  - “Failure to recognize concurrent disease at both the hip and spine may lead to misdiagnosis and possibly erroneous treatment.”



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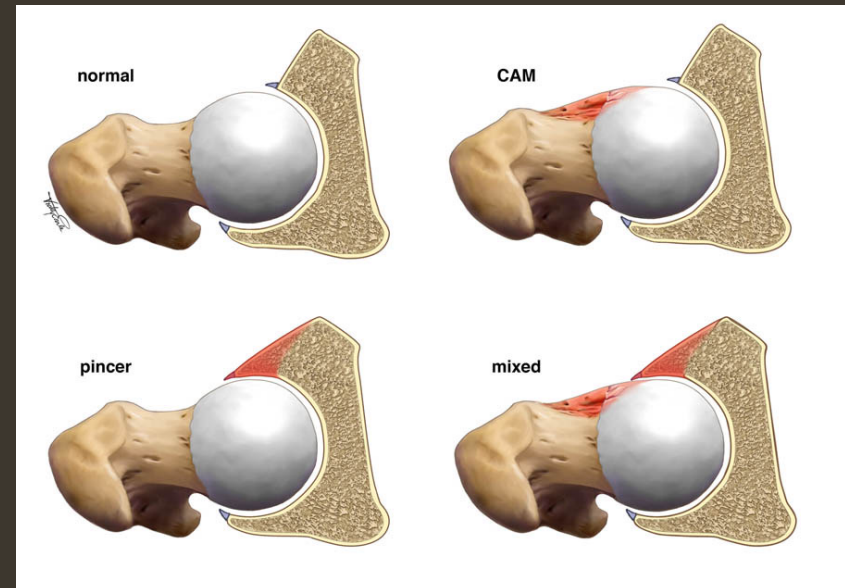
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- Femoroacetabular Impingement
  - Cam-type
    - Asphericity of the femoral head
    - Decreased head-neck offset
  - Pincer-type
    - Acetabular over coverage
    - Acetabular retroversion
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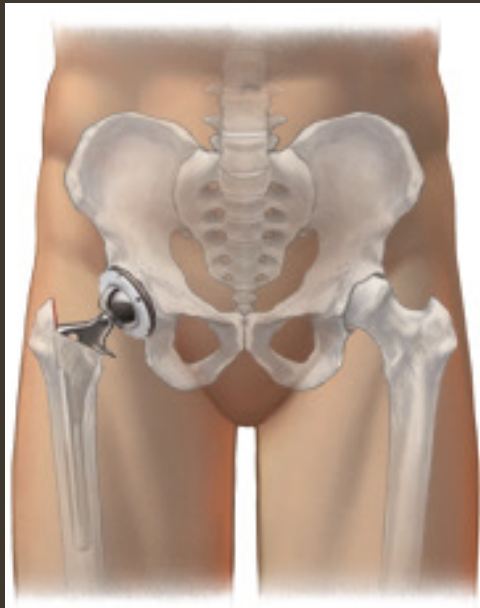


# FAI is common in the “asymptomatic” population

- Systematic review of 26 studies which including imaging studies in “asymptomatic” volunteers
  - Some studies were meta-analyses
  - MRI, CT or Xray
  - Definition of FAI findings very heterogenous
  - CAM deformity: 37% (58% athletes and 23% general population)
  - Pincer deformity: 67% (no population breakdown)
  - Labral tear on noncontrast MRI 68% of hips (based on 7 studies)
- Conclusion: “FAI morphologic features and labral injuries are common in asymptomatic patients.”
  - Asymptomatic meant no hip pain.
  - **We don’t know how many individuals had low back pain.**

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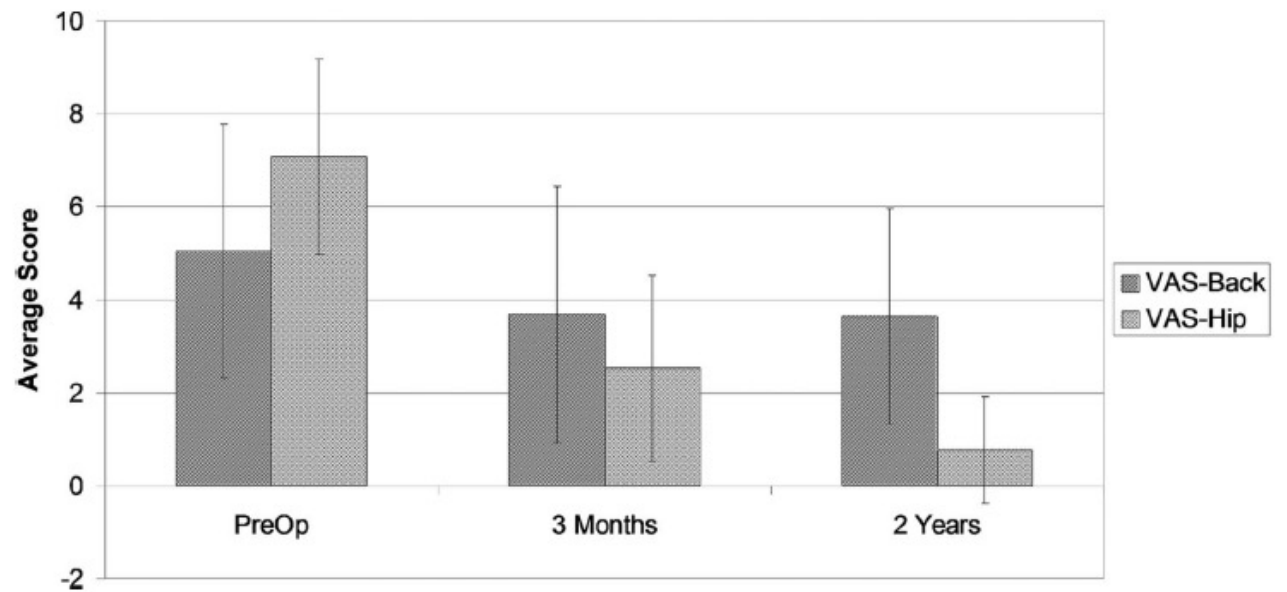
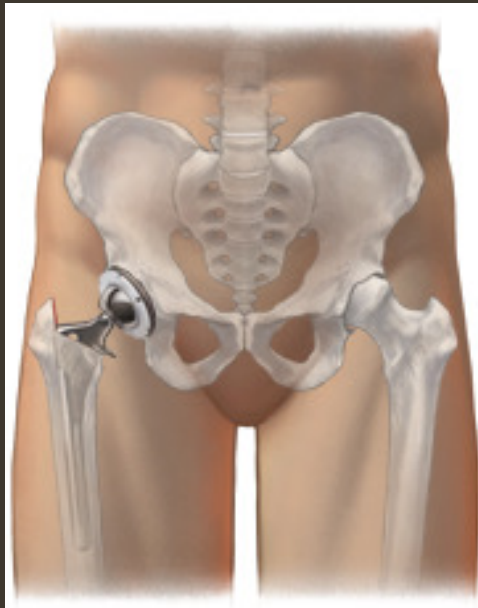
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- “Hip-spine syndrome: the effect of total hip replacement surgery on low back pain in severe osteoarthritis of the hip”
- Cohort study
- 25 consecutive patients with severe hip OA and low back pain
  - Underwent THA
- Statistically significant decrease in ODI and LBP following THA

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- 33 patients with SIJ pain
  - Confirmed by 2 sequential diagnostic SIJ blocks with >50% relief
  - AP pelvis assessed:
- 42% (4/33) - OA Tönnis grade 2 or greater
- 21% (7/33) – retroversion
- 12% (4/33) -lateral centre edge angle >40° with 3% >45°
- 27% (9/33) - Tönnis angle was <0°
- 47% (17/33) Coxa profunda and 3% (1/33) acetabuli protrusion
- 33% (11/33) - cam impingement
- Overall, 76% (25/33) had at least one abnormality hip x-ray
- No control. These findings may also be prevalent in the asymptomatic population

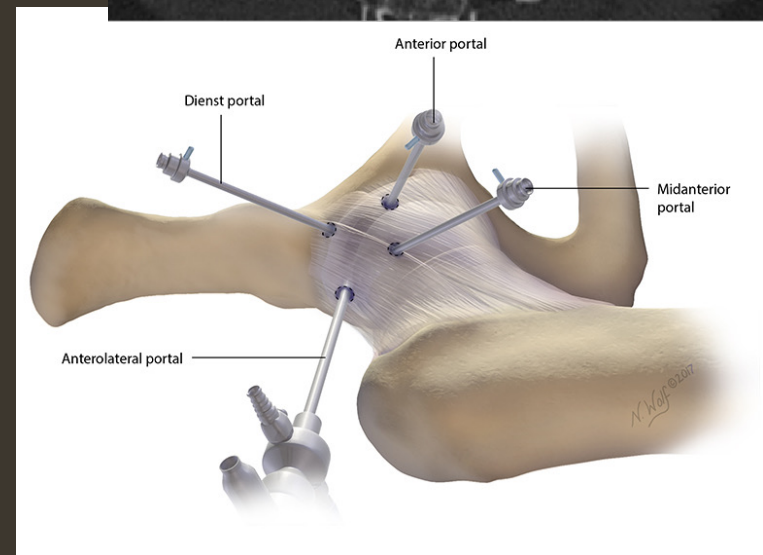
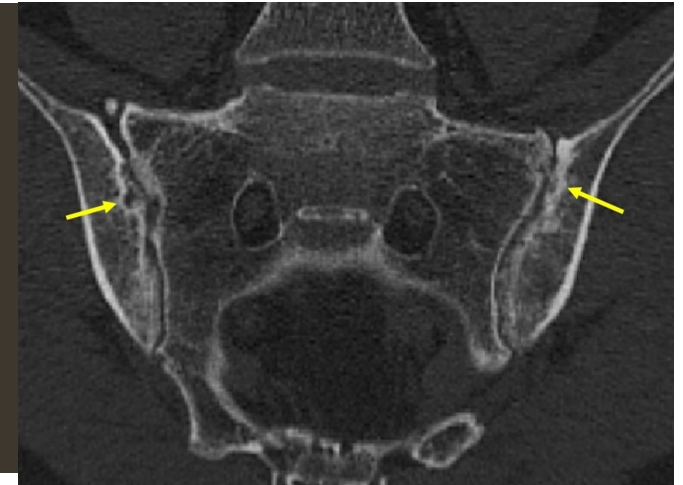


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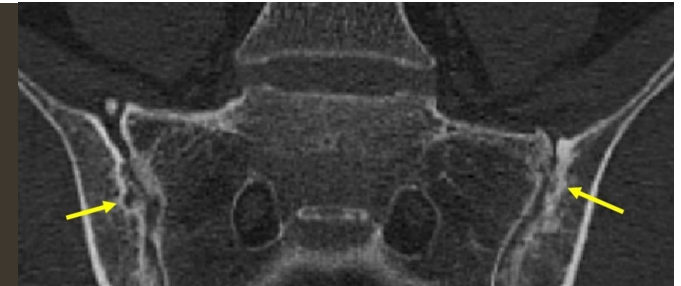
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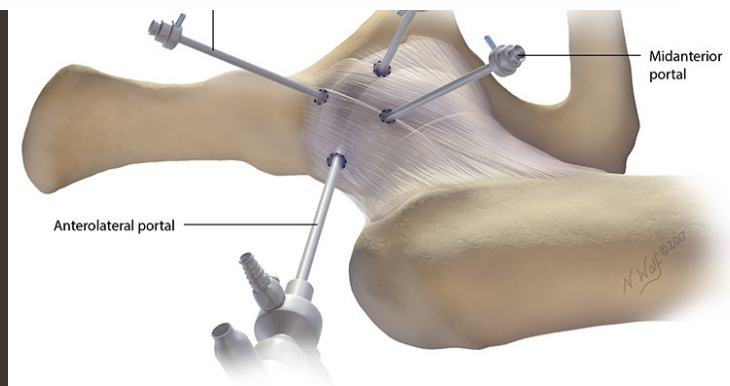
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**Appendix Table 1. New York Criteria for Sacroiliitis Grading**

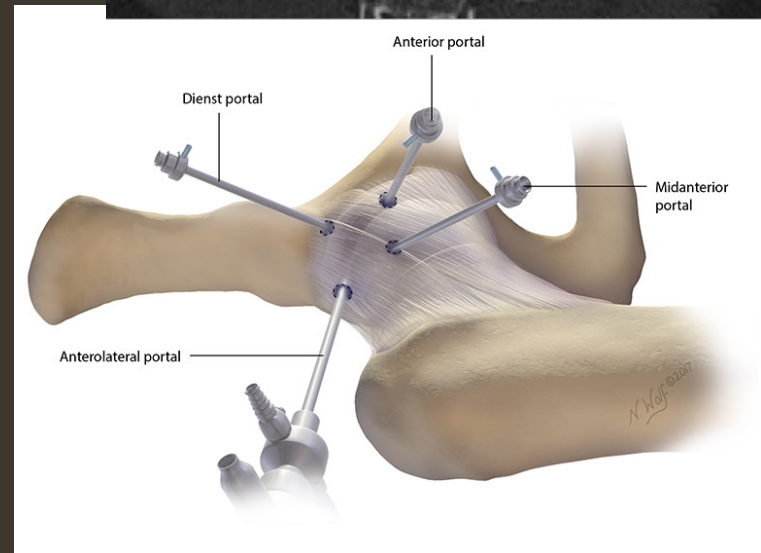
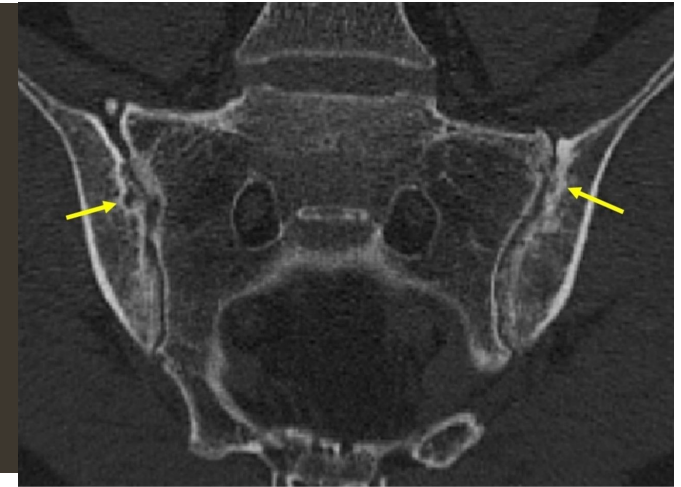
Classification	Description
Grade 0	Normal
Grade I	Some blurring of joint margin
Grade II	Minimal sclerosis
Grade III	Definite sclerosis on both sides of joint or severe erosion with widening of joint space with or without ankylosis
Grade IV	Complete ankylosis



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- 743 patients undergoing hip arthroscopy for FAI
- 187 (25.2%) had SIJ changes on one or more of the imaging studies
  - Conclusion: “A high prevalence” but there was not control group.
  - The prevalence of these findings in the asymptomatic population is high
- Compared to patients without SIJ changes this group had significantly worse outcome scores across all measures (except VAS-satisfaction)
  - at 34.1 +/- 9.7 months

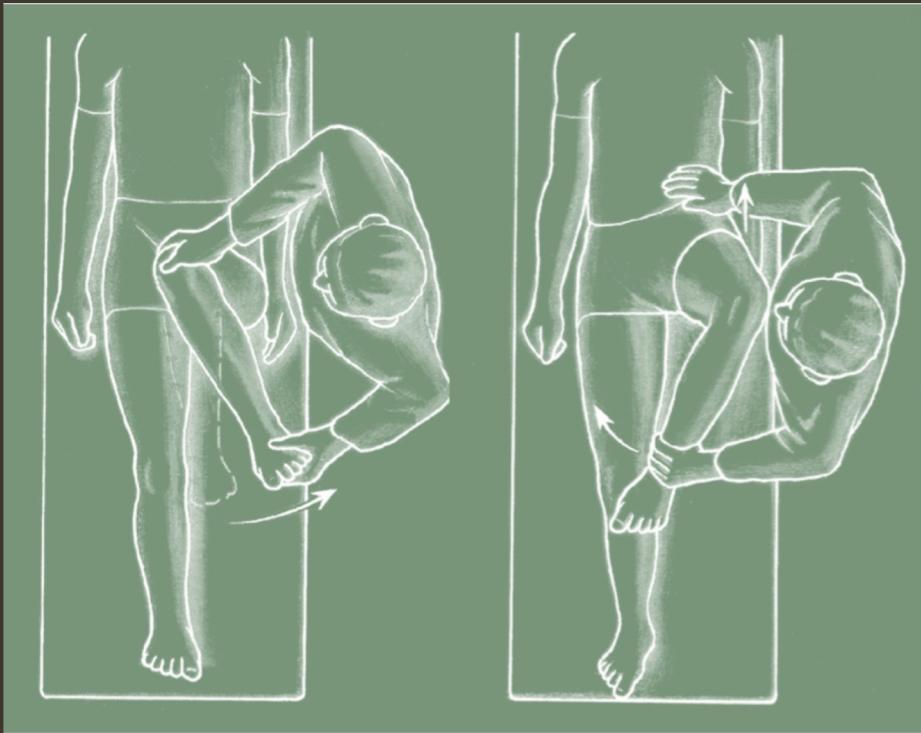
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# Assess Hip Range of Motion

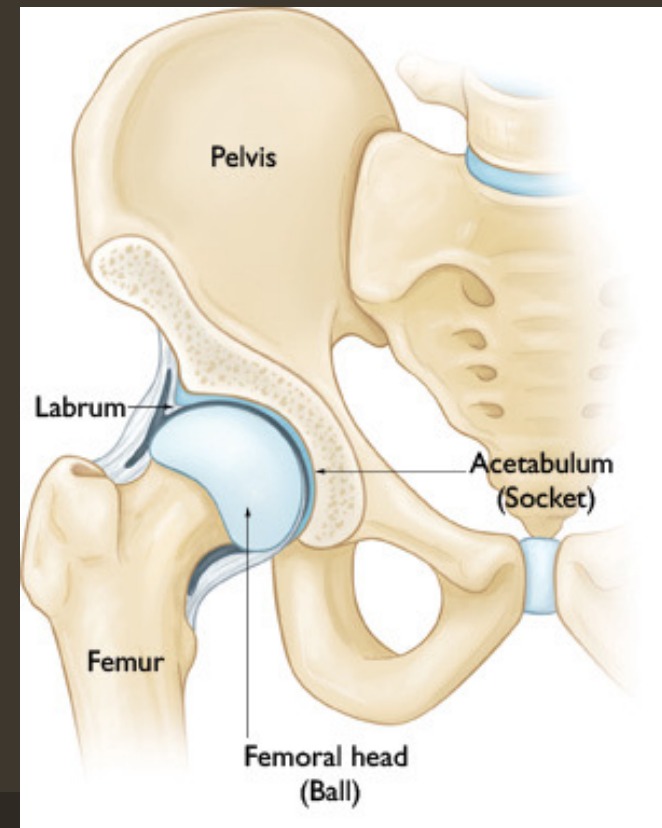
Test in supine



- Hip Flexion (HF)
  - Normal  $>95-100^{\circ}$
- Internal Rotation at  $90^{\circ}$  of hip flexion (IRf)
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- External Rotation at  $90^{\circ}$  of hip flexion (ERf)
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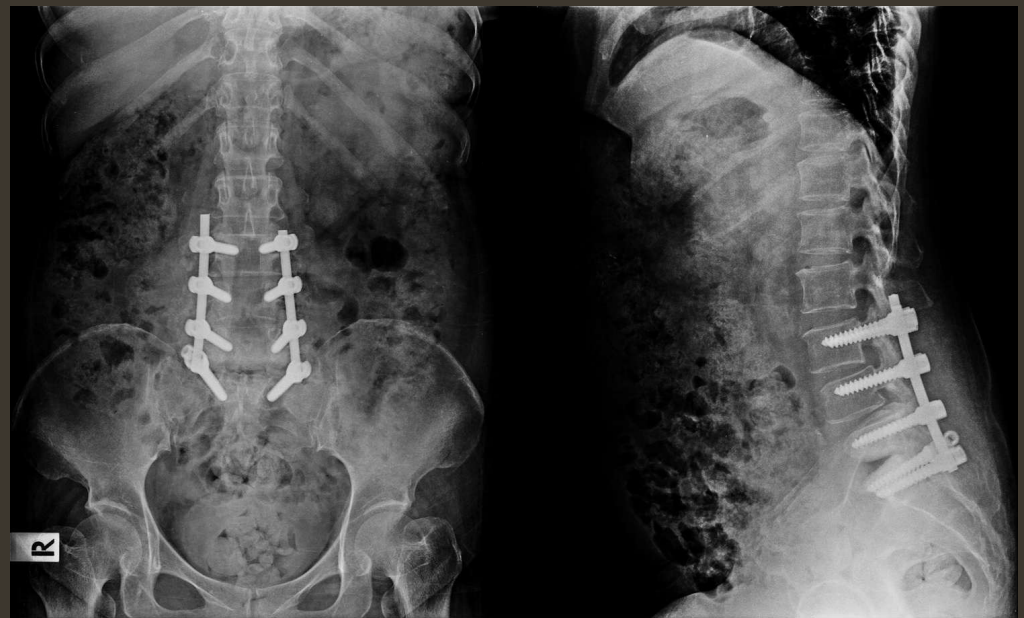
# Hip-Spine Syndrome

- → Education
- → Activity modification
  - Decrease acetabular rotation under femoral load
  - Avoid squatting beyond available hip flexion
- → Optimize available hip range of motion
  - Stretching of soft tissues
  - Posterior capsular stretching



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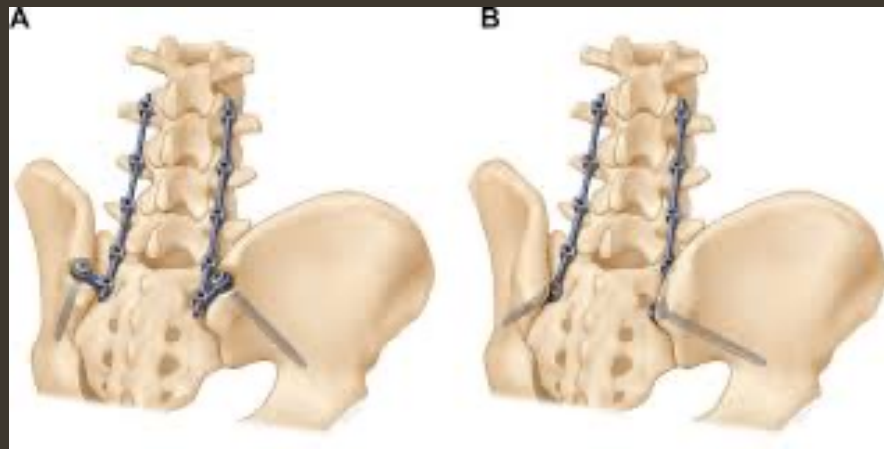
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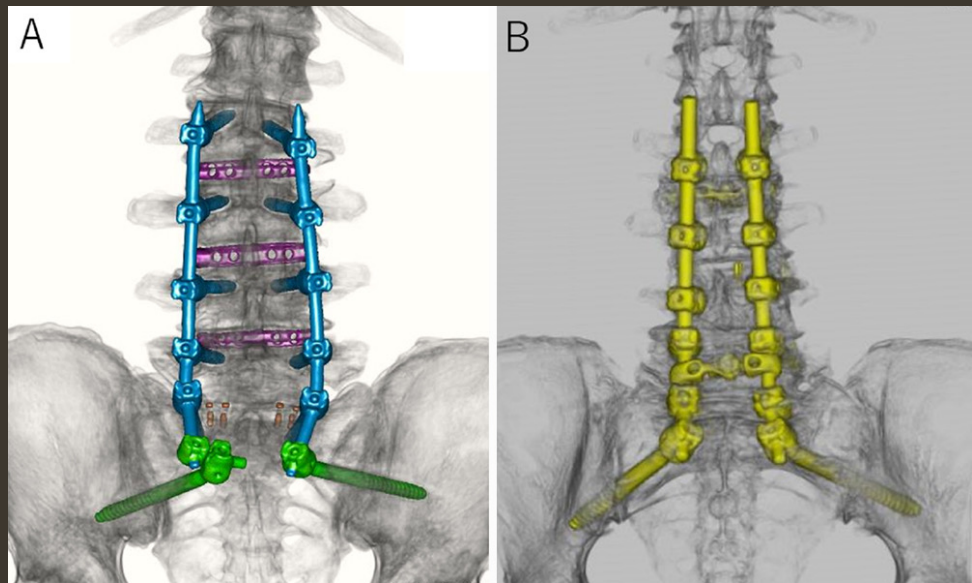
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# Seronegative Spondyloarthropathy



- Group of autoimmune/inflammatory arthropathies
  - Characterized by negative RF
- Commonly attack the SIJ
- Often asymmetrical
- A mean delay of 10 years from 1<sup>st</sup> symptom to diagnosis

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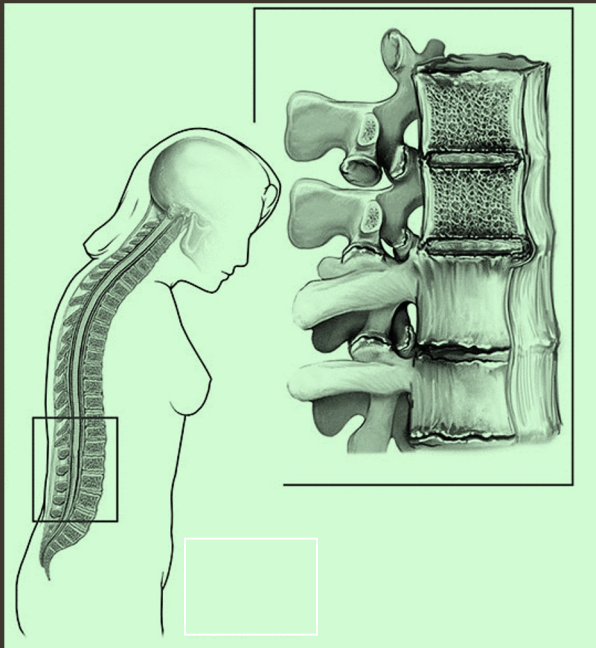


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- Undifferentiated spondyloarthropathy

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- Ankylosing spondylitis
  - Younger men
  - Significant morning stiffness
  - Pain improves with activity
  - Other joints involved
    - Ribs – pain with deep breaths
    - Shoulders, knees, feet
  - Vision changes, fatigue, weight loss

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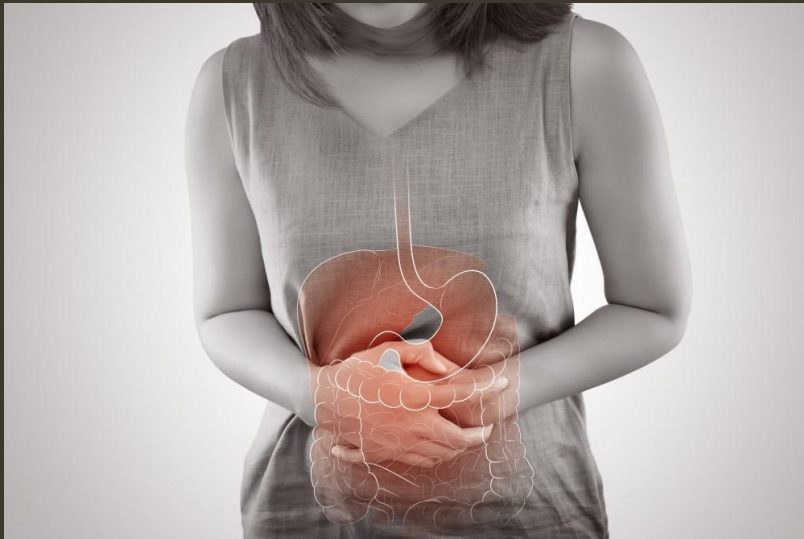
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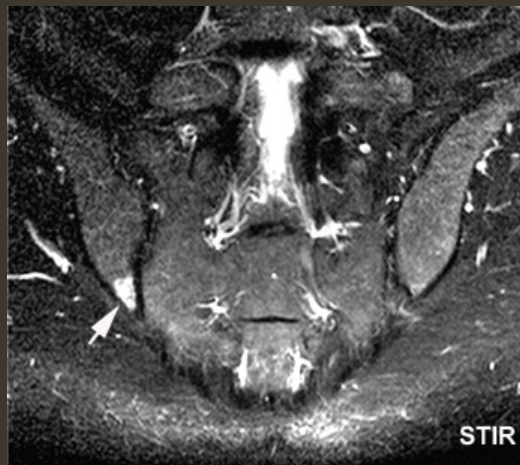
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  - Inflammatory Bowel Disease associated
  - Ask about ulcerative colitis and Crohn's
- Reactive arthritis (formally Reiter Syndrome)
  - Triggered by infection; usually GU or GI
  - Joints - knees, ankles or feet
    - Can affect SIJ
  - Conjunctivitis
  - “Can’t see, can’t pee, can’t climb a tree”

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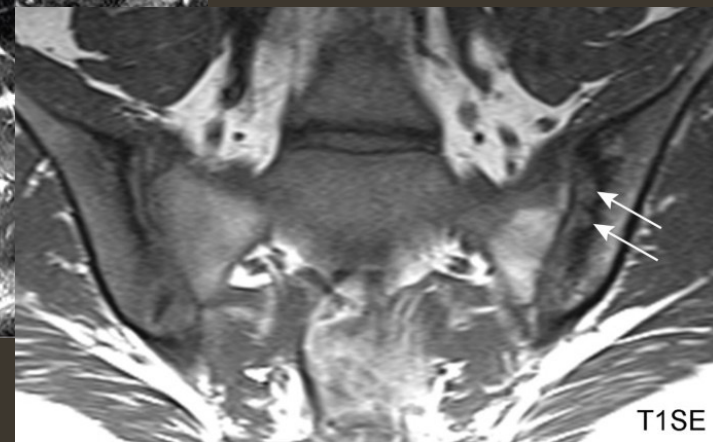
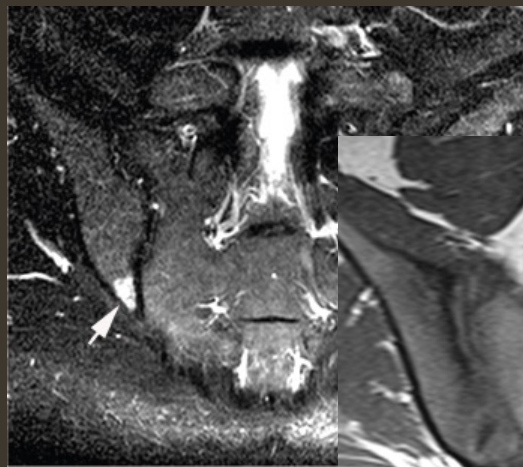
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  - Chronic findings
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- Treatment

- → NSAIDs – typically very responsive
- → Steroid injections – also typically very responsive
- → Rheumatology referral
  - Monitor for extra-articular manifestations
  - Biologic agents – Enbrel, Remicade, Humira
  - Sulfasalazine
    - – for peripheral joint inflammation
    - – not helpful for the SIJ
  - Methotrexate – inconsistent results

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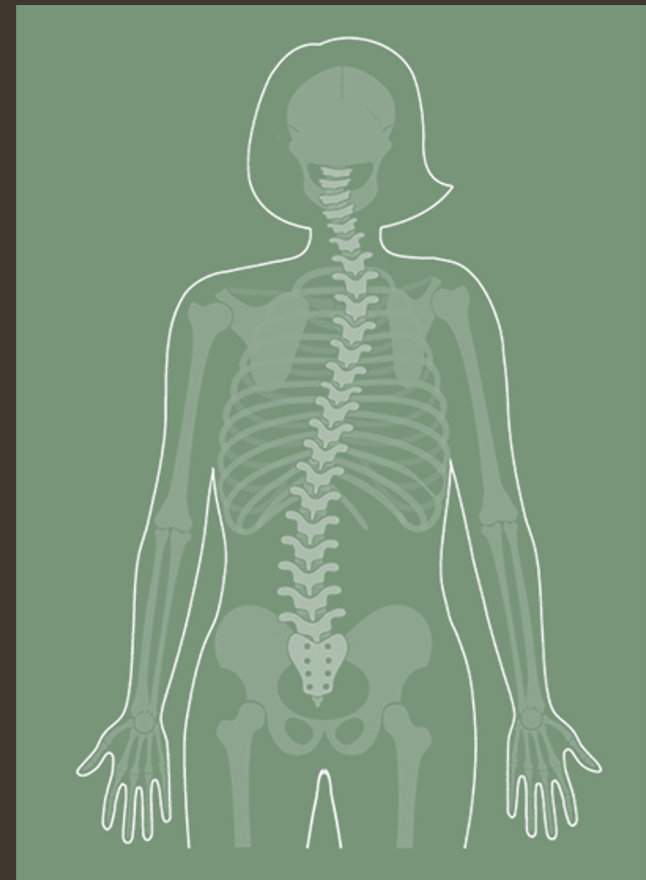
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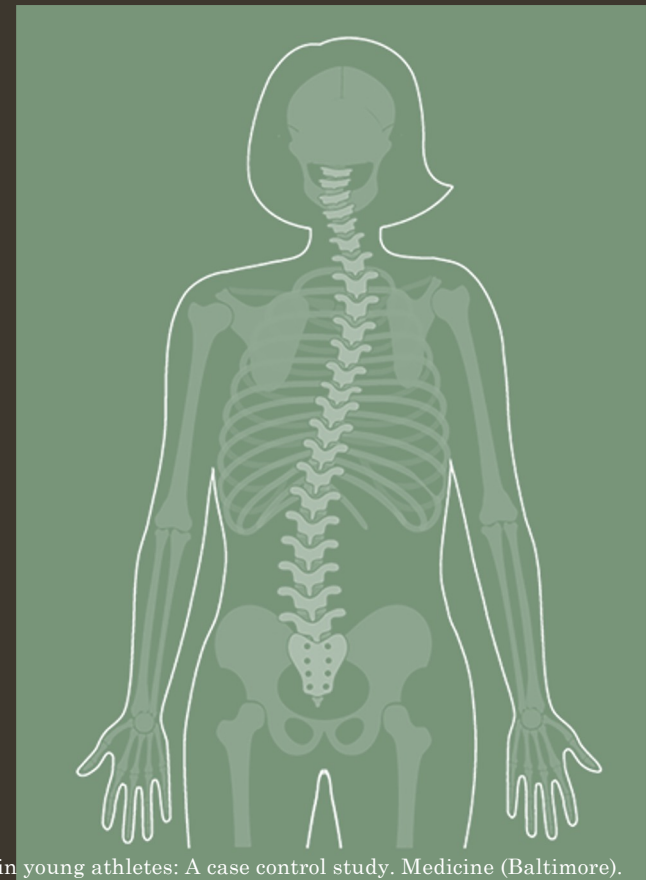
# Scoliosis

- Idiopathic
  - Most common
  - Develops during adolescence
  - Occasionally early childhood
- Congenital
  - Present at birth
  - Rare
- Degenerative
  - Uneven settling
- Neuromuscular
  - Cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy



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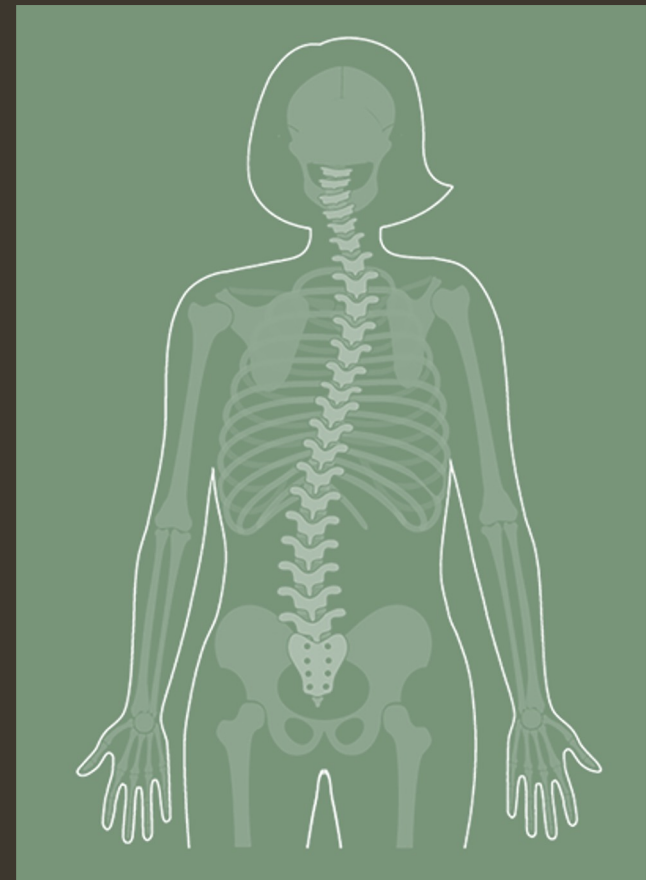
- Asymmetric forces and shear stress through the SIJ
- Sarcevic et. al .
  - 98 adolescent athletes with IS vs 98 controls
  - SIJ dysfunction
  - Strong positive associate between scoliosis and SIJ dysfunction
- Wang et. al.
  - Pelvic rotation in 265 patients with IS
  - 60-76% had significant pelvic rotation
    - Same direction as the curve



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# Scoliosis

- → Traditional treatment approaches
  - Identify and minimize other contributing biomechanical factors
  - Therapy for core strengthening and pelvic stabilization
  - NSAIDs
  - Corticosteroid injections
  - RFA
  - SIJ Fusion





# Scoliosis

- Functional Scoliosis
  - Short leg induced
  - 3-15% of the population has a leg-length discrepancy
  - Check leg length
  - Obtain leg length series x-rays
    - Supine medial malleolar alignment
  - → Shoe lift 50% of discrepancy
    - Corrects the scoliosis in 85% of patients
- True Scoliosis
  - Will cause the appearance of a short leg
  - No actual leg length discrepancy on x-rays
  - Shoe lift on the “shorter side” would worsen the scoliosis



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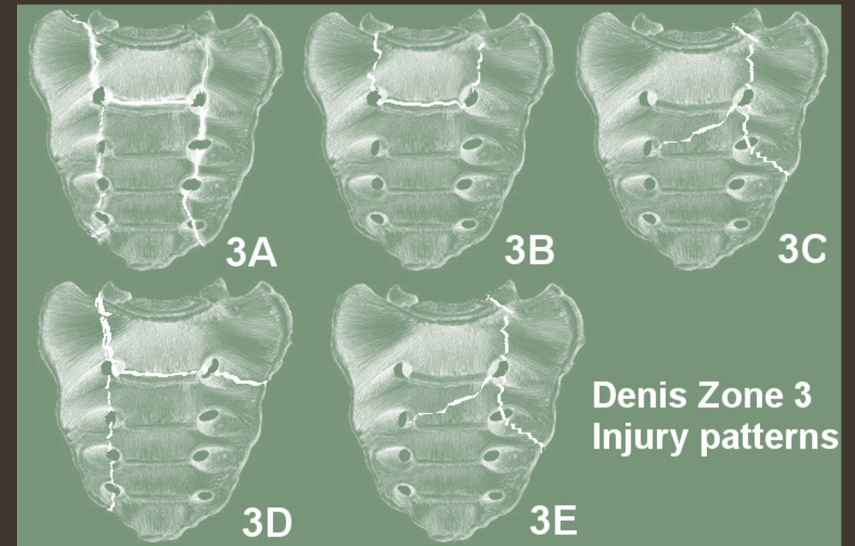
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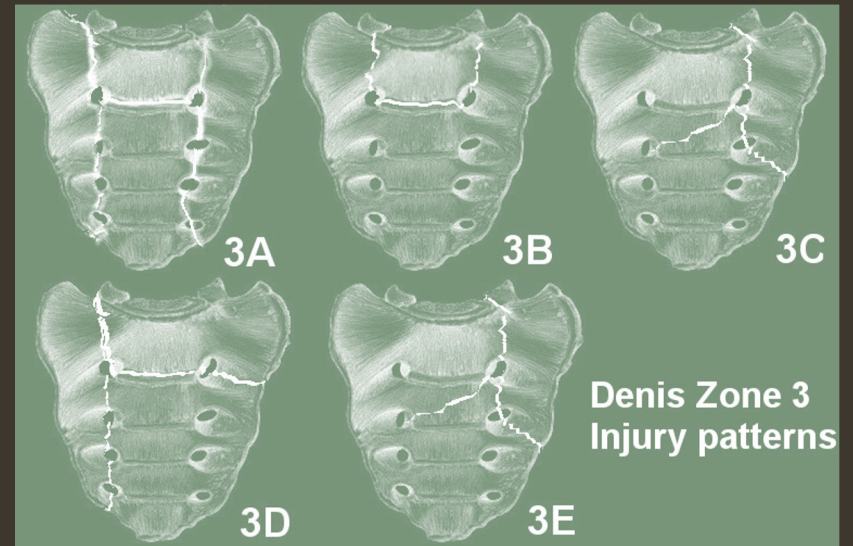
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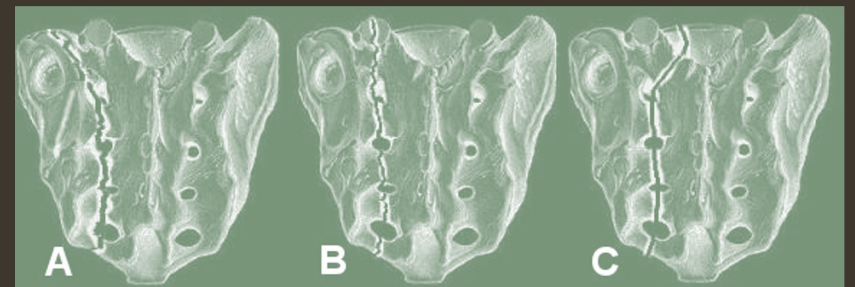
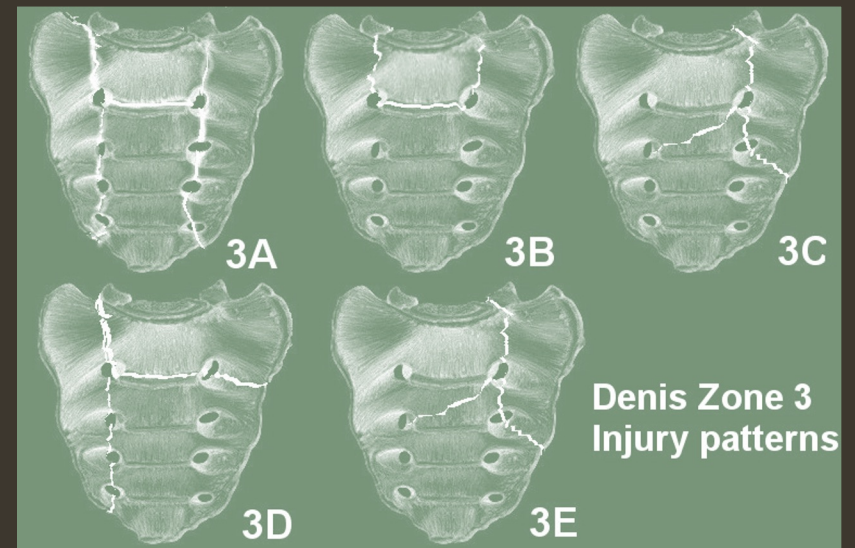
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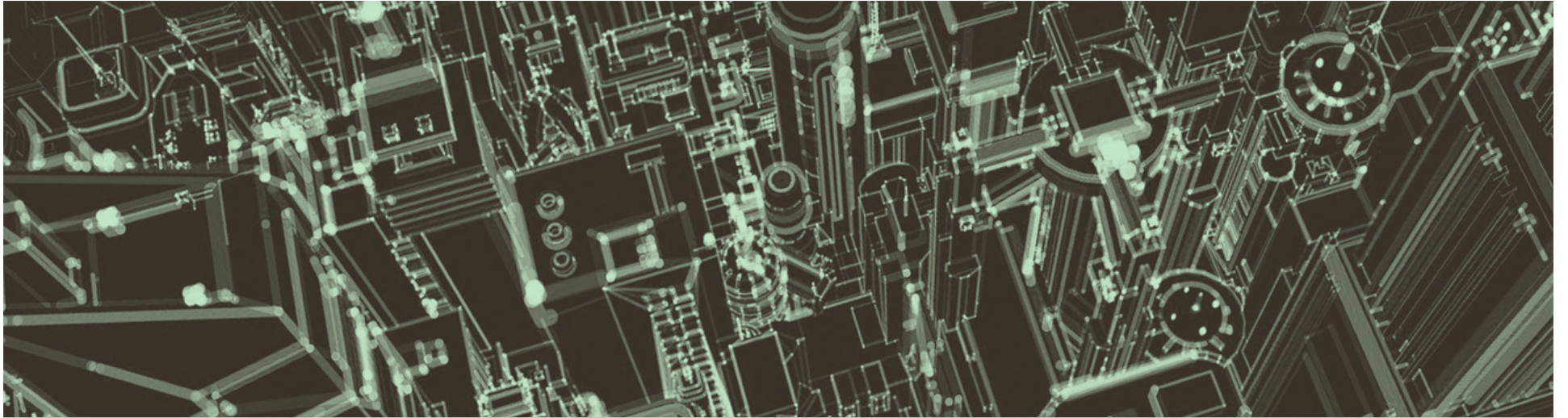




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- SIJ infection
  - Prior interventions
- Sacral osteomyelitis
  - Stasis ulcers
- Sacral tumors/metastasis





You find only what you look for.  
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Questions?  
Comments.

# Musculoskeletal Assessment

- A list of ICD-10 codes is not an assessment
- A good MSK assessment consists of, where applicable:
  - Pain generator(s)
  - Differential diagnosis
  - Relevant anatomy
  - Causality
  - Timeline (acute, subacute, chronic, recurrent, time since injury)
  - Contributing biomechanical factors
  - Contributing psychosocial factors
  - Response to treatment

# Musculoskeletal Assessment

- M54.17 – Radiculopathy lumbosacral region
- M51.26 – Other intervertebral disc displacement, lumbar region
- M21.37 – Foot drop (acquired)

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