CLINICAL PRESENTATION OF SYMPTOMS

Midline low back pain (with or without leg pain)

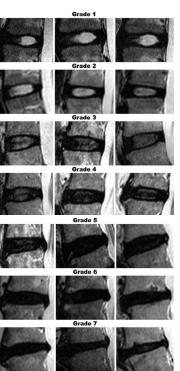


QUESTIONS TO ASK

Questions to ask when identifying discogenic low back pain:

- 1 Midline low back pain?
- Increased pain when leaning forward in a standing position?
- 3 Relief when extending/leaning backward in a standing position?
 - Sitting intolerance?
- Exacerbation of pain during the sustained hip flexion (SHF) maneuver?
 - Mild to moderate degeneration on MRI imaging?
 - Incomplete relief with MBB/RFA?

MODIFIED PFIRRMANN GRADING





Annular strain is increased by flexion, axial rotation, and compression. Therefore, pain is exacerbated most when leaning forward as this weight-bearing position puts the most pressure on the painful disc



Sitting (flexion) provokes symptoms





>> PREDICTOR VARIABLES FOR IDENTIFYING DISCOGENIC LOW BACK PAIN

PHYSICAL

- Midline Low Back Pain (with or without leg pain)²
- Pain with Forward Flexion³
- Sitting Intolerance²
- Positive Sustained Hip Flexion Maneuver (in certain patients)⁴

IMAGING

- Mild to Moderate Disc Degeneration¹
- Contained Disc Protrusions
- HIZ Lesions⁵
- Modic Changes of Type II or Less⁵

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