Review Article

An Introduction to the Diagnosis of Spondyloarthropathies

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Abstract: Three features distinguish spondyloarthropathies from most other rheumatic diseases: (1) an 'inflammatory' type of spinal pain, (2) asymmetrical oligoarthritis predominantly affecting the lower extremities and (3) radiological appearance of sacroiliitis. The relative weight of each factor depends on the particular type of spondyloarthropathies.

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