

Listing 1.04A Worksheet

1.04 Disorders of the spine (e.g., herniated nucleus pulposus, spinal arachnoiditis, spinal stenosis, osteoarthritis, degenerative disc disease, facet arthritis, vertebral fracture), resulting in compromise of a nerve root (including the cauda equina) or the spinal cord. With:

A. Evidence of nerve root compression characterized by neuro-anatomic distribution of pain, limitation of motion of the spine, motor loss (atrophy with associated muscle weakness or muscle weakness) accompanied by sensory or reflex loss and, if there is involvement of the lower back, positive straight-leg raising test (sitting and supine).

Dear Doctor:

- Does this patient have (*please circle one*) herniated nucleus pulposus, spinal arachnoiditis, spinal stenosis, osteoarthritis, degenerative disc disease, facet arthritis, or vertebral fracture?
- Is there medically acceptable imaging evidence of nerve root compression? *Please specify:*
- Is there neuro-anatomic distribution of pain? *Please specify:*
- Is there limitation of motion of the spine? *Please describe quantitatively in degrees:*
- Is there motor loss (atrophy with associated muscle weakness or muscle weakness) accompanied by sensory or reflex loss? *Please specify which is present* (§1.00E(1) states that a report of atrophy is not acceptable as evidence of significant motor loss without circumferential measurements of both thighs and lower legs, or both upper and lower arms, as appropriate, at a stated point).
- If there is involvement of the lower back, is there a positive straight-leg raising test, both sitting and supine?

Physician Signature

Specialty

Date

Please include these findings in your progress notes