

KNEE PAIN

- Constitutional symptoms
- Joint swelling/redness and heat
- Persistent fever of more than 3 weeks
- Night pain
- New onset headaches



Infection



- Jaw claudication
- Scalp tenderness
- Significant lethargy
- History of inflammatory bowel disease
- History of uveitis/iritis
- More than one joint involved



Autoimmune Diseases

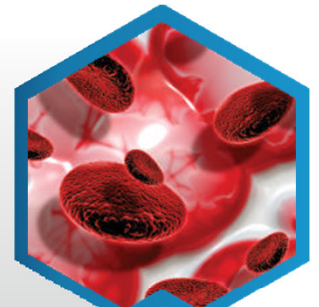


CHRONIC LOW BACK PAIN

- History of cancer
- Unexplained weight loss
- Immunosuppression
- Urinary infection
- Intravenous drug use
- Prolonged use of corticosteroids
- Back pain not improved with conservative management



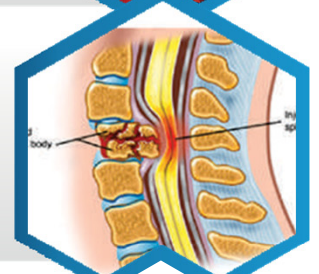
Cancer or Infection



- History of significant trauma
- Fall or lifting in elderly or presence of osteoporosis
- Prolonged use of steroids



Spinal Fracture



- Acute onset of urinary retention or overflow
- Incontinence
- Loss of anal sphincter tone or fecal incontinence
- Saddle anesthesia
- Motor weakness in lower limbs



Cauda Equine Syndrome or Severe Neurologic Compression

