

## Nonorganic signs

According to Waddell, the presence of three or more of these types of nonorganic signs suggests that psychological factors may be contributing to the patient's condition.

1. Tenderness
2. Stimulation
3. Distraction
4. Regional disturbances
5. Overreaction – only sign that requires the clinician to make a judgment based on the patient's behavior during examination.

## Complaints often associated with positive Waddell signs

1. Tailbone pain
2. Pain in the entire lower extremity
3. Numbness in the entire lower extremity
4. Lower extremity giving way
5. No pain free spells in the past year
6. Intolerance to treatments
7. Emergency admissions to the hospital with back trouble