

IMAGES OF SPINE CARE

Discography with epidural contrast extravasation along an exiting nerve root

A 46-year-old woman with a history of L3–L4 microdiscectomy presented for lumbar discography. During injection of the L3–L4 level, contrast extravasation was noted into the posterior epidural space and along the course of the exiting right L4 nerve root consistent with a Grade 5 annular tear (Figure).

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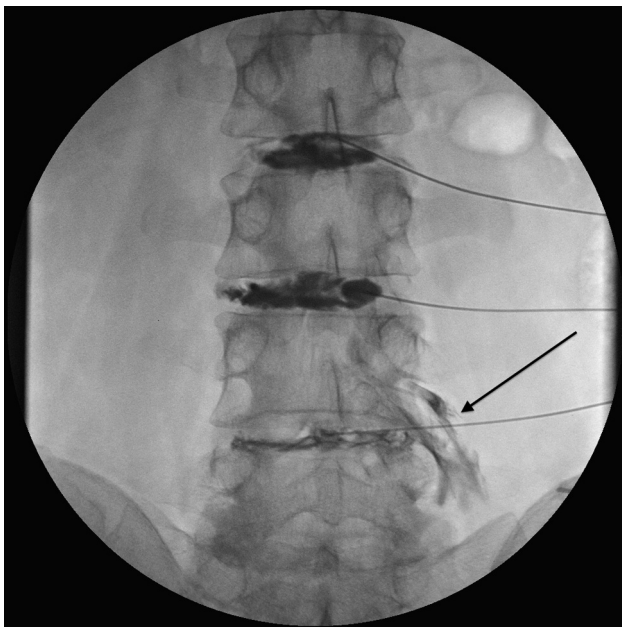


Figure. Frontal spot radiograph demonstrates extra-annular/epidural contrast extravasation at L3–L4, consistent with a Grade 5 annular tear. Epidural contrast extends along the course of the traversing and exiting right L4 nerve root (arrow).