

# Acute Low Back Pain

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## 1 Resources

- Acute & Chronic LBP CPG - George et al.<sup>1</sup>

## 2 Types

### 2.1 Acute low back pain

Acute low back pain is defined as pain lasting less than 6 weeks.

### 2.2 Acute Low Back Pain + Leg pain

#### 2.2.1 DDX

- Herniations<sup>1</sup>

### 2.2.2 Exercises

Goal: reduce pain & disability<sup>1</sup> - Specific trunk mm [Grade B]<sup>1</sup> - Endurance & mm strengthening [Grade B]<sup>1</sup> - Supine iso back extension and ab exercises → greater reduction of pain<sup>1</sup>  
- Herniations: general vs specific exercises, no diff at 3 month BUT at 1 year: specific trunk mm activation had greater improvement in back pain and disability<sup>1</sup>.

### 2.3 Centralization & Directional preference exercises

- Grade A<sup>1</sup>
  - Repeated movements, exercises, or procedures to promote centralization to reduce symptoms<sup>1</sup>
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