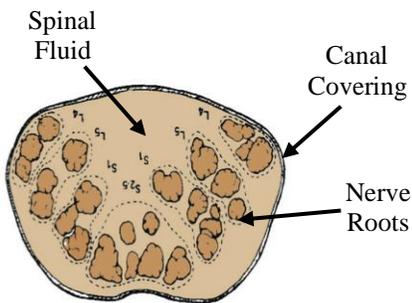


JUST WHAT IS LUMBAR-SACRAL ADHESIVE ARACHNOIDITIS (AA)?

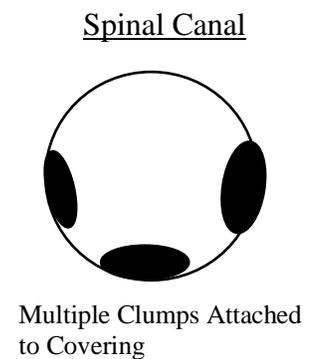
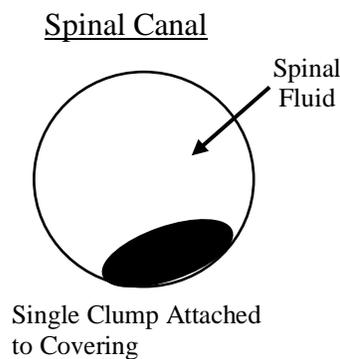
- Cauda equina nerve roots, which number about a dozen, normally hang suspended in spinal fluid. They are in a symmetrical right to left pattern with equal numbers on each side.
- AA occurs when a clump of nerve roots become attached or “glued,” by adhesions, to the spinal canal covering that is composed of arachnoid and dural layers (meninges). Contrast MRIs can now easily visualize this occurrence.

HERE ARE CROSS SECTIONS OF THE CANAL: Technically the “axial” (toe-to-head) view.

NORMAL NERVE ROOT PATTERN



COMMON PATTERNS OF AA



NORMAL MRI



SINGLE CLUMP



AA VISIBLE ON MRI



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