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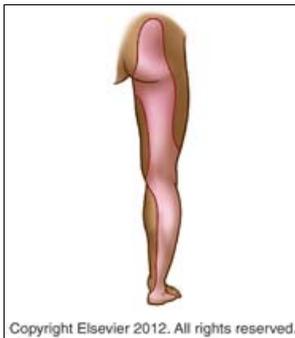
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**sci-at-i-ca** (si-at' ī -ka)  [ L. ]

a syndrome characterized by pain radiating from the back into the buttock and along the posterior or lateral aspect of the lower limb; it is most often caused by protrusion of a low lumbar intervertebral disk. The term is also used to refer to pain anywhere along the course of the sciatic nerve.

Called also [Cotugno disease](#) and [sciatic neuralgia](#) or [neuropathy](#).



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*Distribution of pain in sciatica.*

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