

Arachnoiditis is a chronic, insidious condition that causes debilitating, intractable pain and a range of other neurological problems.

It has been regarded as rare by the medical community, but Burton reported as early as 1978([\[i\]](#)) that it is

"common in patients with severe back and/or leg pain and functional impairment due to the failed back surgery syndrome."

Adhesive arachnoiditis is not a notifiable disease and is significantly under-diagnosed.

[\[i\]](#) Burton CV *Spine* 1978 Mar; 3(1): 24-30 Lumbosacral arachnoiditis