



FIGURE 1. Initial assessment of patient with acute low back pain problems. (CT = computed tomography; CBC = complete blood count; ESR = erythrocyte sedimentation rate; UA = urinalysis; MRI = magnetic resonance imaging)
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