

**Benner classification of arachnoiditis (1978):**

0. Extradural compression (spondylosis/stenosis)
  
1. Local post-operative changes
  
2. Arachnoiditis at a single level
  
3. Arachnoiditis at multiple levels
  
4. Myelographic block secondary to arachnoiditis
  
5. Arachnoiditis progressive or ascending greater than 2 levels above operative site.

**The radiologists classify arachnoiditis according to Delamarter's MRI classification:**

Type I: central clumping of nerve roots

Type II: peripheral adhesion of nerve roots to the theca ("empty sac")

Type III: complete opacification of the thecal sac, extending over at least one vertebral level

**Aldrete describes:**

Class I: nerve root sleeves alone

Class II: extends to involve subarachnoid space