

Clinical criteria

- Low back pain and stiffness which improves with activity for more than three months
- Limited range of motion of the lumbar spine in both forward and lateral bending.
- Limitation of chest expansion relative to normal values correlated for age and sex

Radiological criteria

- Sacroiliitis grade ≥ 2 bilaterally
 - Sacroiliitis grade 3 to 4 unilaterally
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Note: Diagnosis of AS is made if the patient fulfills at least one radiological and one clinical criteria. Source: Copyright © 1984 American College of Rheumatology. van der Linden S, Valkenburg HA, Cats A. Evaluation of diagnostic criteria for ankylosing spondylitis. A proposal for modification of the New York criteria. *Arthritis Rheum.* 1984;27(4):361–368.²⁴