BASIC FUNCTIONAL EXAMINATION: LUMBAR SPINE

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TESTS IN STANDING:
Extension
Left sidebend
Right sidebend
Forward flexion …with cervical flexion (Neri)
Unilateral toe raises
Heel walk

TESTS IN SUPINE:
SIJ dorsolateral provocation test
SLR, Distal initiation
Passive hip flexion
Passive hip internal rotation
Passive hip external rotation
Resisted hip flexion, L2,3
Resisted tibialis anterior, L4
Resisted great toe extension, L4,5
Resisted peronei, L4,5,S1
Patellar tendon reflex, L3,4
Foot sole reflex (Babinski)
Sensory testing Light touch Pinprick

TESTS IN SIDELYING
SIJ ventromedial provocation test
Femoral nerve stretch, L3

TESTS IN PRONE
Achilles tendon reflex, L5, S1,2
Resisted knee flexion, S1,2
Resisted knee extension, L3,4
Resisted gluteus maximus, S1,2
Springing test in neutral

**EXTRA TESTS**
Slump
- distal initiation
- proximal initiation

Femoral nerve stretch in sitting, L3
Resisted Sidebending; Left and Right
Foraminal compression (Kemp) test