

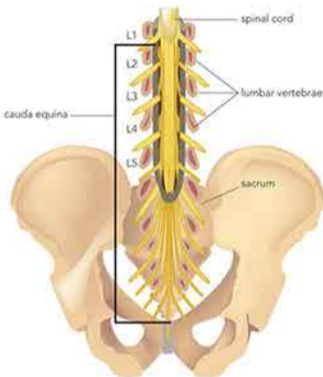
Cauda Equina Syndrome: Symptom Chart

Bladder disturbances

- Urination different to normal
- Inability to start, stop and/or control urination
- Loss of normal sensation
- Loss of full bladder sensation
- Inability to empty bladder fully

Bowel disturbances

- Loss of feeling when passing a bowel motion
- Constipation
- Loss of control of bowel movement



Saddle numbness

- Loss of feeling between the legs
- Numbness in and around genitals and/or anus

Sexual dysfunction

- Loss of sensation during sexual intercourse
- Inability to achieve an erection or ejaculate
- Loss of clitoral sensation

Lower back pain/ leg weakness and sciatica

- A combination of these problems may be present
- Keep alert for weakness in toe movement – can occur before other muscle weakness
- Marked inability to bend forward – may indicate a large disc prolapse
- Anal sphincter reflex may be affected
- Look out for loss of Achilles movement

If you or a member of your family would like to discuss a potential claim for compensation in relation to cauda equina syndrome then please get in touch with a member of our specialist spinal injury claims team on **0800 307 7620** or email advice@claims-medneg.co.uk.