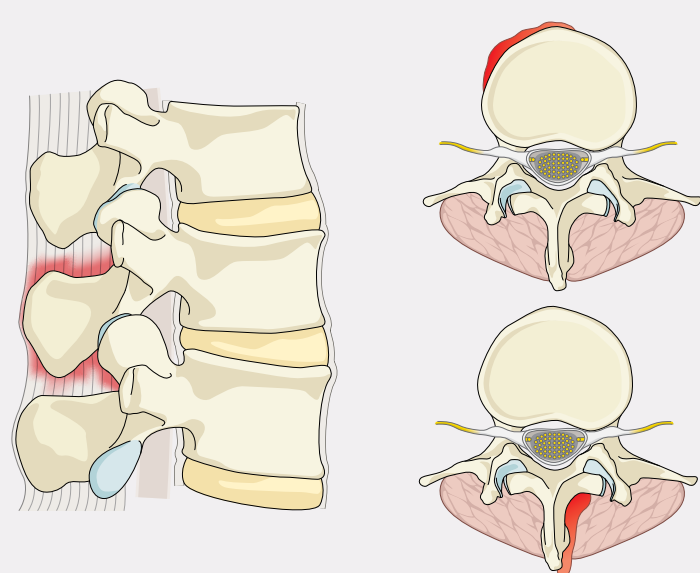
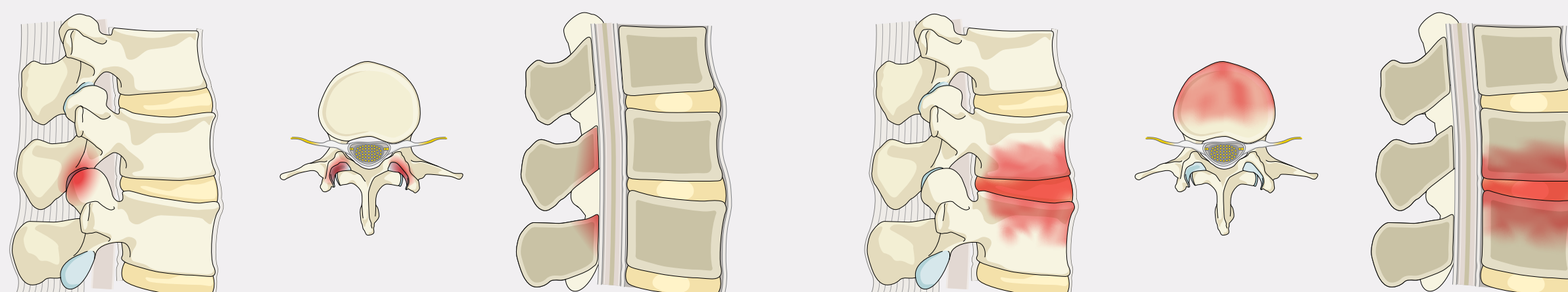


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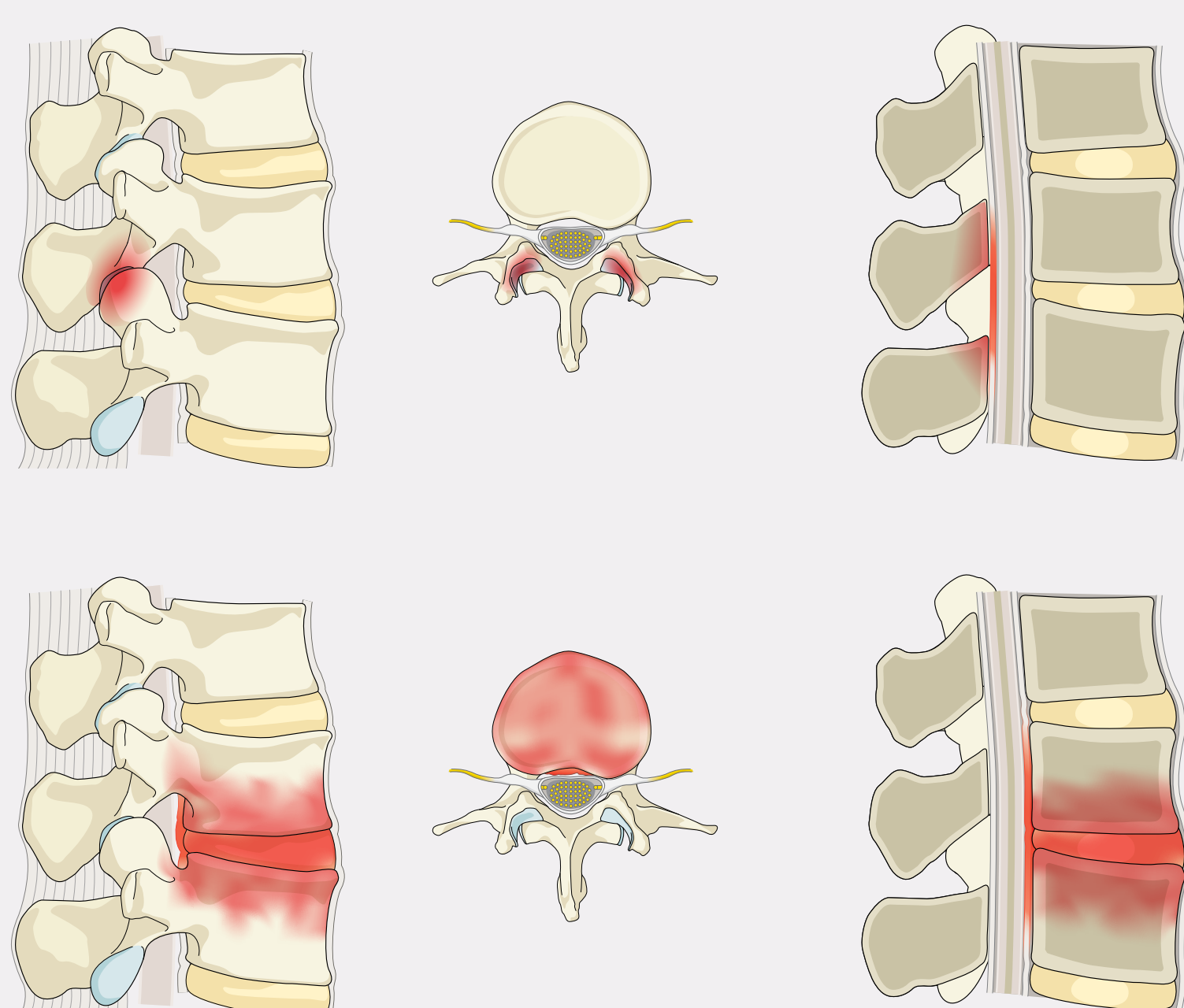
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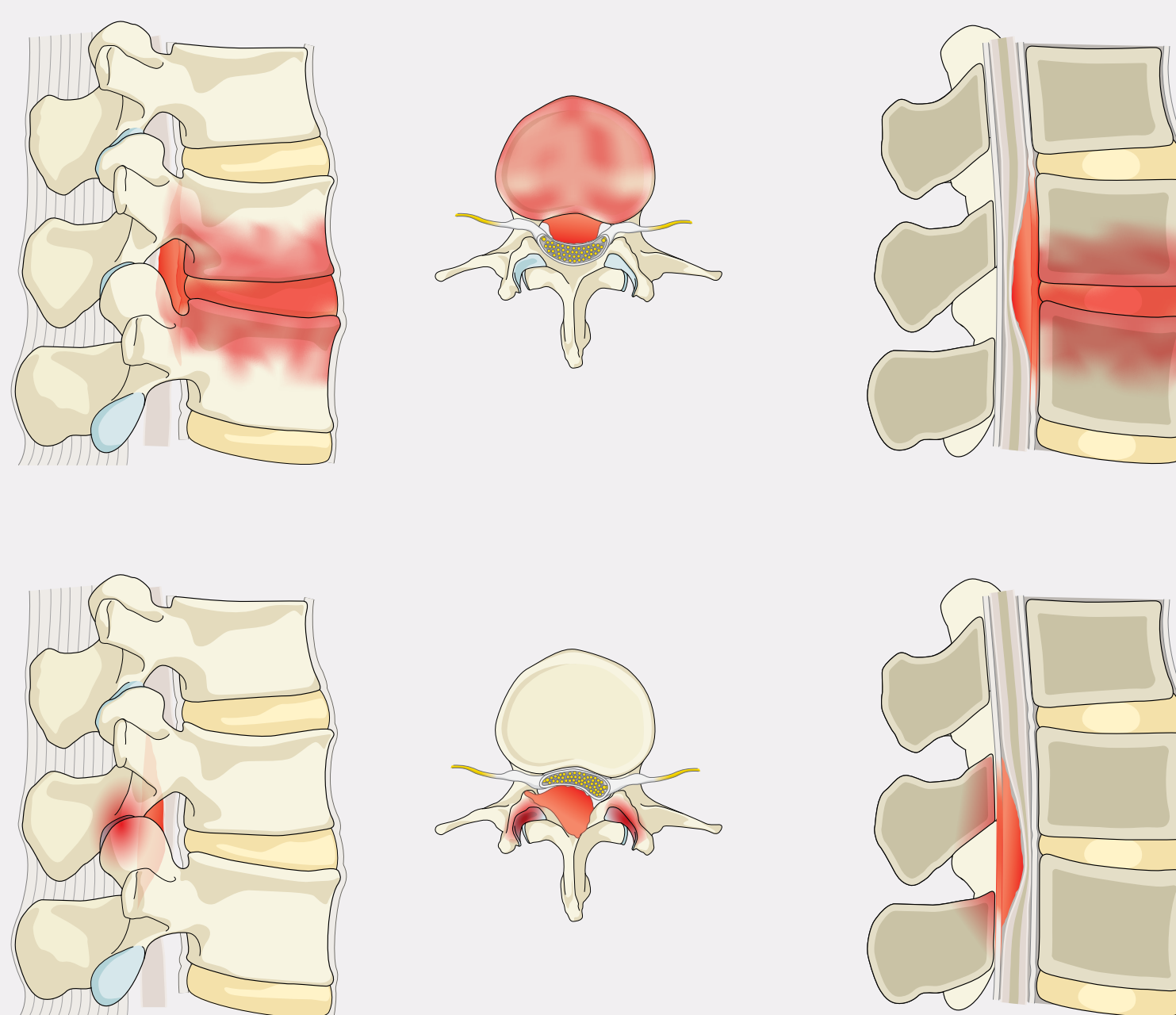
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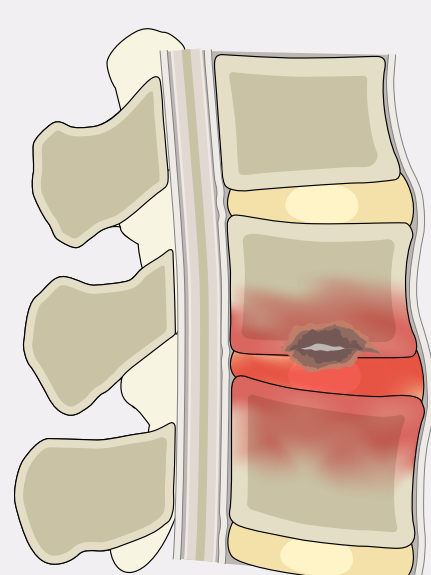
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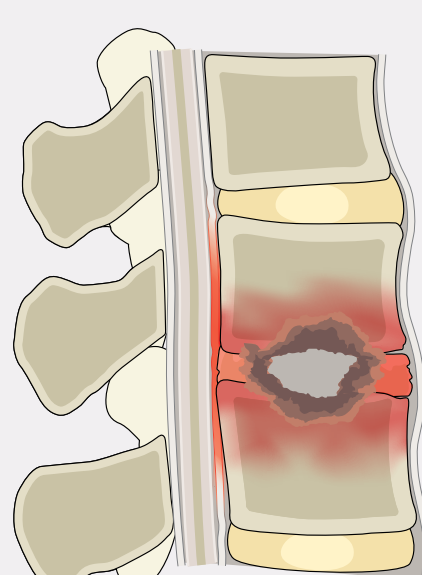
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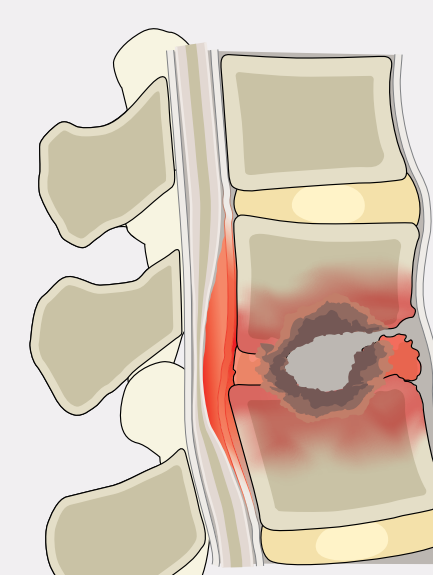
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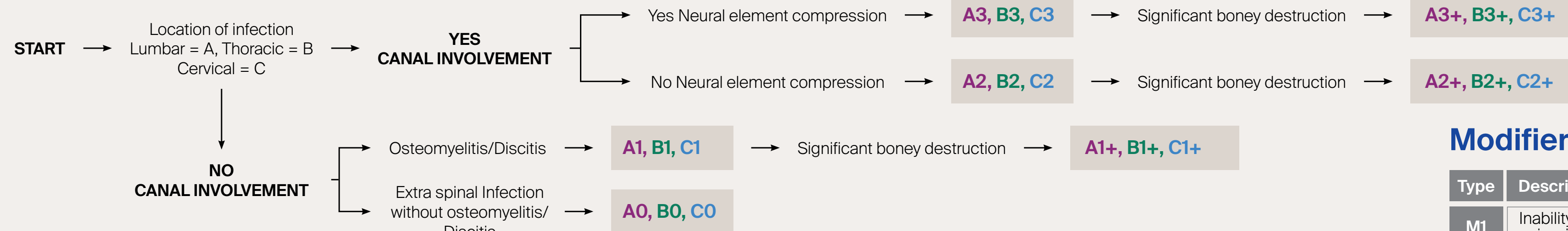
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A3+ has boney destruction



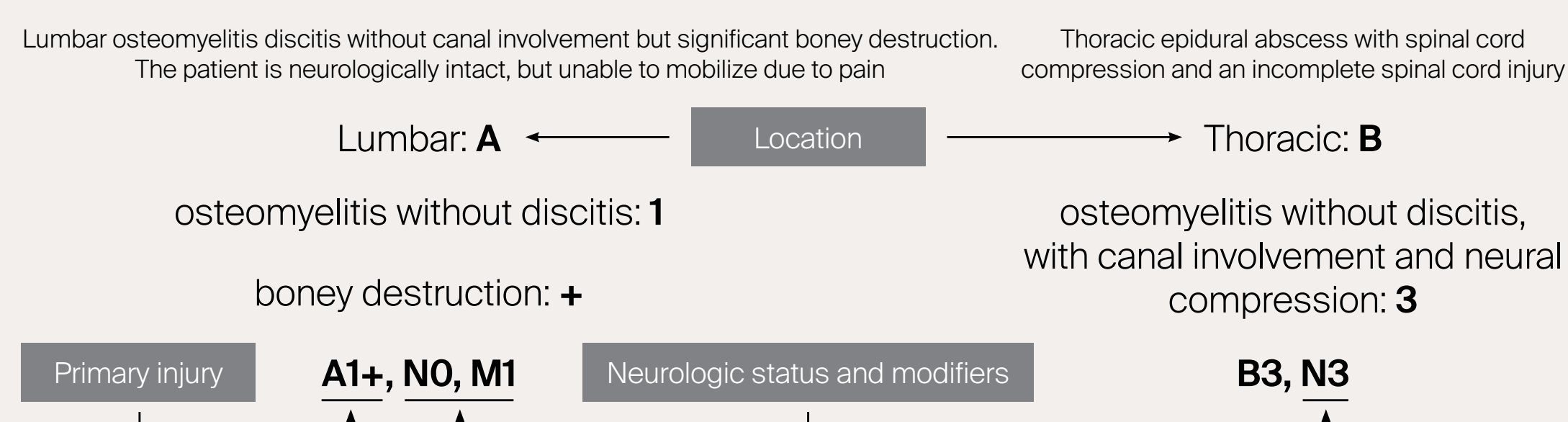
Algorithm for morphologic classification



Modifiers

Type	Description
M1	Inability to mobilize due to intractable pain with possible instability
M2	Medical complications that affect treatment
M3	Suspicion of atypical infections

Classification Nomenclature



Morphology of Infection

Type	Description
0	Infection extra spinal (similar to an A 0 fracture)
1	Infection with osteomyelitis and/or discitis without canal involvement
2	Infection with or without osteodiscitis with canal involvement without neural compression
3	Infection with or without osteodiscitis with canal involvement with neural compression
+	has boney destruction

Neurology

Type	Neurological
N0	Neurology intact
N1	Transient neurologic deficit
N2	Radicular symptoms
N3	Incomplete spinal cord injury or any degree of cauda equina injury
N4	Complete spinal cord injury
NX	Unknown