

**Table 1: Differential diagnosis of pain all over**

Type of problem	Diagnostic investigations
<b>Rheumatologic</b>	
Polymyalgia rheumatica/giant cell arteritis	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate
Connective tissue disease	Antinuclear antibodies
Rheumatoid arthritis	Rheumatoid factor
Fibromyalgia	Tender point count
Painful myopathies	Creatine phosphokinase
<b>Endocrine/metabolic</b>	
Thyroid disorders	Thyroid-stimulating hormone
Disorders of calcium, osteomalacia	Serum calcium, phosphorous, alkaline phosphatase
Adrenal insufficiency	Electrolytes, glucose, eosinophil count
<b>Neurologic</b>	
Painful peripheral neuropathies	Nerve conduction studies
Meningeal carcinomatosis	Lumbar puncture
<b>Infectious</b>	
Influenza and other viral illnesses	Viral serology
HIV infection	HIV test
Trichinosis	Eosinophil count
<b>Malignant</b>	
Multiple myeloma	Serum and urine protein electrophoresis, bone marrow biopsy
Metastatic carcinoma	Bone scan, alkaline phosphatase
Paraneoplastic syndromes	Variable
<b>Psychiatric</b>	
Depression, anxiety disorders, somatoform disorders, malingering	Psychometric testing

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