

Table 1**The Leeds Assessment of Neuropathic Symptoms and Signs (LANSS) scale¹³**

Five questions about the nature of the pain	Score
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A In the area where you have pain, do you also have pins and needles, tingling or prickling sensations?	0 or 5
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B Does the painful area change colour (perhaps looks mottled or more red) when the pain is particularly bad?	0 or 5
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C Does your pain make the affected skin abnormally sensitive to touch?	0 or 3
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D Does your pain come on suddenly and in bursts for no apparent reason when you are completely still? Electric shocks, jumping and bursting might describe this.	0 or 2
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E In the area where you have pain, does your skin feel unusually hot like a burning pain?	0 or 1
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Two signs

● Cotton wool allodynia	0 or 5
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● Pinprick threshold altered	0 or 3
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Total score > 12/24 implies neuropathic pain