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**ABSTRACT OVERVIEW:** A question from a reader about testing for RLS.

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**Ask the Doctor**

**Q.** *Would “spinal fluid, MRI’s and other brain images” reveal RLS presence if the patient in fact was on medication to subdue the symptoms? In other words, does RLS have to be 'acting up' in order to reveal a positive RLS picture? Are these tests available and where?*

**A.** RLS is a diagnosis made based on clinical examination and history, there are no tests for RLS.



Unless the doctor finds that there are clues to suggest a different illness there is no indication for your doctor to do a spinal tap, MRI, or other brain imaging tests for RLS.

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