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| **General inspection** |
| Postural abnormalities or deformities |
| Muscle wastingFasciculationsAbnormal movements |
| **Tone** |
| ‘Roll’ legs side to side on bedFlex and extend kneeRotate ankleTest for clonus – Upon forceful plantarflexion a patient involuntarily repeats the plantarflexion motion**Power**Hips flexion |
| Hips abduction – Not and against force |
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| Tap each foot on the ground |
| **Tendon reflexes** |
| Knee (L4, L4) |
| Ankle (S1) |
| Plantar response – Scrape sole upwards towards toes. Toe flexion is expected. Toe extension and fanning is abnormal. |
| **Sensation – Light soft touch**Upper part of the upper leg (L2)Lower-medial part of upper leg (L3)Medial lower leg (L4)Lateral lower leg (L5)Sole of foot (S1) Back of upper leg (S2) |
| **Sensation – ‘Painful’ sharp touch** |
| Upper part of the upper leg (L2)Lower-medial part of upper leg (L3)Medial lower leg (L4) Lateral lower leg (L5)Sole of foot (S1)Back of upper leg (S2) |
| **Sensation – Proprioception**Joint position sense – Ask patient to close eyes and flex and extend their knee. The patient is to state if their distal leg is in the up or down position.**Other**Gaithttp://www.rcemlearning.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/01_dermatomes_lower_limb.jpgRomberg’s test – Ask patient to stand with feet close together and eyes closed. Observe sense of balance with or without pushing (if appropriate and with patient consent). |