

Other Conditions with Similar Symptoms

Other medical conditions may cause symptoms similar to those of fibromyalgia (FM). Doctors will need to perform tests to rule out other conditions before making a diagnosis of FM. Blood work, radiological tests (such as x-rays), and electrical nerve and muscle tests may be done to make sure patients do not have a:

- hormonal imbalance,
- muscle disease,
- nerve disease,
- joint disease,
- bone disease,
- infection, or
- cancer.¹

Source:

1. The Patient Education Institute (2008). X-plain fibromyalgia: Reference summary [online]. Retrieved February 7, 2011. From <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/tutorials/fibromyalgia/id309104.pdf>.

