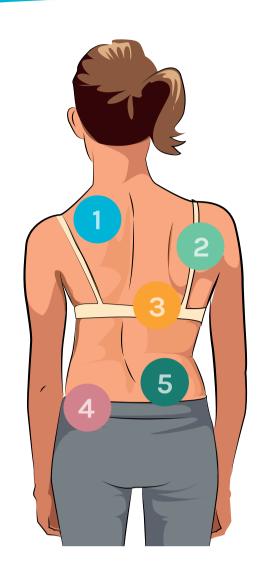
## Scoliosis Diagnosis

## **Standing Assessment**

Standing in a relaxed neutral posture, feet slightly apart and arms dangling by their side.

Any visual asymmetry can be a sign of scoliosis.

- 1 Shoulders asymmetrical
- Prominent shoulder blade
- 3 Visible curve
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- Hips asymmetrical
- Waist asymmetrical



Forward Bending Assessment

Bending forward with feet together and knees straight, arms dangling together with fingers pointing down.

Any rib cage or lumbar asymmetry can be a sign of scoliosis.

- 1 Thoracic rib hump
- 2 Lumbar hump





The use of a scoliometer is recommended for the most accurate results.



Red flags

MRI may be required to rule out pathology

- Left thoracic curve in adolescents
- Right lumbar curve in adolescents
- Scoliosis with a Kyphosis
- Scoliosis in under 10 year olds

