

# THE HUMAN VERTEBRAL COLUMN

Anatomical Reference & Segmental Distribution

## CERVICAL (C1-C7)

**Count** 7 Vertebrae

**Curvature** Lordotic (Secondary)

**Key Feature** Transverse Foramina

## THORACIC (T1-T12)

**Count** 12 Vertebrae

**Curvature** Kyphotic (Primary)

**Key Feature** Costal Facets (Rib Attachment)

## LUMBAR (L1-L5)

**Count** 5 Vertebrae

**Curvature** Lordotic (Secondary)

**Key Feature** Large Vertebral Bodies

## SACRUM & COCCYX

**Sacrum** 5 Fused Segments

**Coccyx** 4 Fused Segments (Tailbone)

### CLINICAL NOTES:

Intervertebral discs act as shock absorbers between bodies. The spinal cord typically terminates at the L1-L2 level (Conus Medullaris).

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