

ANATOMICAL FEATURES OF THE PANCREAS

[Reference Diagram: Head, Neck, Body, Tail, and Duct System]

ANATOMICAL REGION	DESCRIPTION & KEY LANDMARKS
Head (Caput)	The expanded right end of the gland, nestled in the C-shaped curve of the duodenum. Includes the uncinate process.
Neck (Collum)	A short, constricted section (approx. 2cm) connecting the head to the body; situated anterior to the portal vein.
Body (Corpus)	The main horizontal section extending to the left, passing posterior to the stomach across the midline.
Tail (Cauda)	The narrow, mobile left tip that terminates near the hilum of the spleen within the splenorenal ligament.
Main Pancreatic Duct	Known as the Duct of Wirsung; joins the common bile duct to form the hepatopancreatic ampulla (Ampulla of Vater).
Accessory Duct	Known as the Duct of Santorini; drains the superior portion of the head into the minor duodenal papilla.