

PANCREAS ANATOMY & LOCATION

[Anatomical Diagram Illustration]

TAIL
BODY
HEAD
DUODENUM

Anatomical Location

- **Region:** Epigastric and left hypochondriac
- **Position:** Retroperitoneal (behind the stomach)
- **Vertebral Level:** L1 - L2 Transpyloric plane
- **Adjacency:** C-loop of the duodenum to the hilum of the spleen

Key Structures

- **Head:** Nestled in the duodenal curve
- **Neck:** Anterior to superior mesenteric vessels
- **Body:** Extends transversely across the midline
- **Tail:** Contacts the gastric surface of the spleen