

Bones

I. Vertebrae

A. Body

1. Costal facet (L. costa, rib; Fr. facette, small smooth area on a bone)
function – articulates with head of rib

B. Spaces

1. Vertebral foramen & canal (L. an aperature)
function – houses spinal cord
2. Vertebral notches (indentation at the edge of a bone)
 - a. Intervertebral foramen
function – transmits spinal nerves & radicular vessels

C. Neural arch

1. Pedicle (L. pediculus, foot)
 - a. Transverse process (bony projection)
 - i. Costotubercular facet
function – articulates with rib
 - b. Superior articular process
 - i. Superior articular facet
function – articulates with adjacent vertebra
 - c. Inferior articular process
 - i. Inferior articular facet
function – articulates with adjacent vertebra
2. Lamina (L. plate, leaf)
3. Spinous process
attachments – trapezius, rhomboids, spinalis, erector spinae & transversospinalis m. and supraspinous lig.

II. Sacrum

A. Base

function – articulates with the 5th lumbar vertebra

B. Promontory (projection)

attachments – anterior longitudinal lig.

C. Ala (L. wing)

D. Pelvic Surface

attachments – piriformis m.

1. Pelvic sacral foramina (L. pelvis, basin)
function – transmits ventral rami of sacral nerves & lateral sacral arteries

E. Dorsal surface

attachments – erector spinae & gluteus maximus m.

1. Dorsal sacral foramina

function – transmits dorsal rami of sacral nerves

F. Apex (L. summit or tip)

function – articulates with coccyx

G. Sacral canal

function – houses sacral spinal roots

III. Coccyx (G. kokkyx, a cuckoo)

attachments – coccygeus muscle (trunk)