



**Fracture**  
 A fracture is a break or crack in a bone. It can be caused by trauma, such as a fall or a car accident, or by a disease that weakens the bone. Fractures can be classified as open or closed, depending on whether the skin is broken. They can also be classified as complete or incomplete, depending on whether the bone is broken all the way through. Fractures can be treated with surgery or with a cast or brace. The goal of treatment is to stabilize the bone and allow it to heal.

## FACETJUE



**Facet Joint**  
 A facet joint is a small joint between the vertebrae. It is formed by the articular surfaces of the vertebrae. The articular surface is the part of the vertebra that is covered in cartilage. The facet joint allows the vertebrae to move relative to each other. It is important for the stability of the spine. Facet joint dysfunction can cause pain and stiffness in the back.