

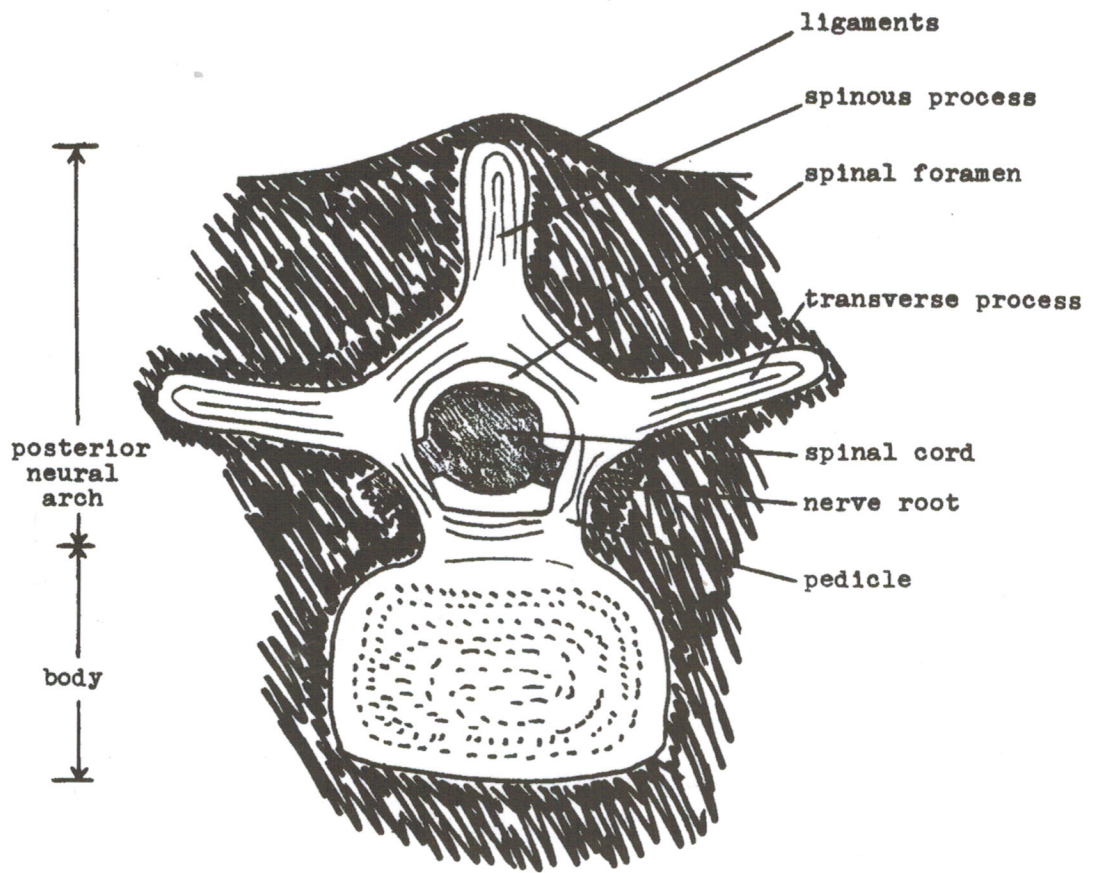
6.3 TREATING PHYSICIAN AND DIAGRAMS OF SPINE

This is a personal injury case arising out of an automobile accident. Since the date of the accident the plaintiff has been complaining of pains in his back and periodic shooting pains down his legs.

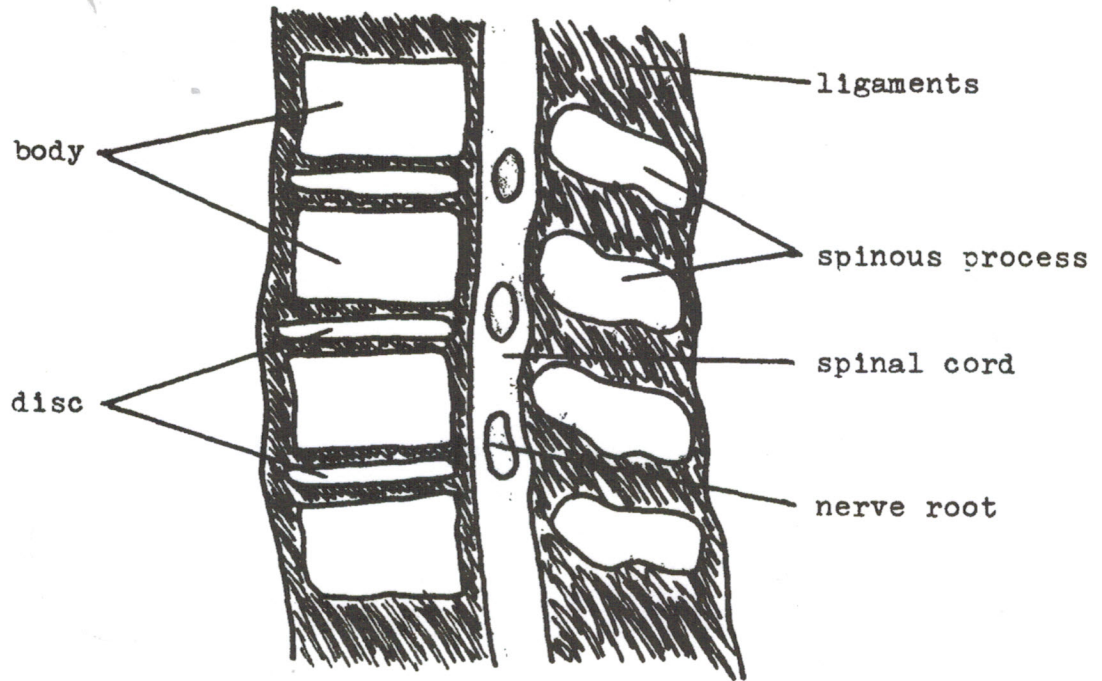
Plaintiff's treating physician, Dr. William Baird, an orthopedist, has testified that as a result of his examinations and tests he determined that the plaintiff suffered a herniated disc at the L3-L4 level, which is pushing against the plaintiff's spinal cord, causing the pain.

Dr. Baird has already described the basic anatomy of the back, including a description of the inter-vertebral discs. He has brought the attached anatomical charts to court.

1. For the plaintiff, continue Dr. Baird's direct examination, using the charts to illustrate the basic components of a typical lumbar vertebra and how a disc herniation can produce painful pressure on the spinal cord. (You may use any other available anatomical chart.)
2. For the defendant, oppose the introduction of the charts.



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(Horizontal cross section)



LUMBAR VERTEBRAE

(Vertical cross section)