

Intertransverse ligament

The intertransverse 'ligament' consists of sheets of [connective tissue](#) extending from the upper border of one [transverse process](#) to the lower border of the one above. It lacks a distinct border medially or laterally, with less densely packed and more irregular [collagen](#) fibres than is found in a true ligament. It probably forms part of a complex fascial system separating the paravertebral compartments ¹⁾.

The membrane extends to the lateral aspect of the pars interarticularis and the facet. It can be incised safely provided that the underlying neural structures are protected after identification by tracing the posterior primary ramus into the intertransverse space ²⁾

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Bogduk N, Twomey LT. Clinical anatomy of the lumbar spine. 2nd Ed. Edinburgh: Churchill Livingstone, 1991.

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<http://www.boneandjoint.org.uk/content/jbjsbr/79-B/6/943.full.pdf>

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