

# Occipitocervical junction

The occipitocervical junction (OCJ) is a highly specialized area of the [spine](#). Understanding the unique anatomy, imaging, and craniometry of this area is paramount in recognizing and managing the potentially devastating effects that pathology has on it. Instrumentation techniques continue to evolve, the goal being to safely obtain durable, rigid constructs that allow immediate stability, anatomical alignment, and osseous fusion <sup>1)</sup>.

## Posterior Instrumentation for Occipitocervical Fusion

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