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Cervical Spinal Nerve Root

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The initial segment of a nerve leaving the cervical spine. There are eight pairs of cervical roots, each consisting of two parts: the ventral (efferent motor) and the dorsal (afferent sensory) root which unite to form a single spinal nerve. All cervical nerves exit superiorly to their corresponding vertebrae with the exception of C8, which exits inferiorly to the C7 vertebra.