

## Thoracic/Lumbar Spine Clearance

- Neurosurgery consultation will be obtained on patients with three or more consecutive transverse process fractures or any other type of fracture.
- Thoracic & lumbar spines may be cleared based on a negative CT scan regardless of the ability to obtain a reliable exam.
- An abnormal exam will prompt a neurosurgical consultation even in the presence of a negative CT scan or less than three consecutive transverse process fractures.