

Limbus Bones



Limbus bones (also known as vertebral edge separations) occur primarily in the lumbar spine. Most are identified long after the inciting incident and are asymptomatic. The radiographic appearance is distinct. A small well-defined and corticated triangular fragment of bone will be present at the anterior superior corner of the vertebral body with just a slight offset from the end-plate. They can be seen in one or multiple segments. Typically they do not require any additional follow-up. They are a type of Schmorl's node caused by a hyper flexion injury (usually in adolescence) and should not be misinterpreted as an avulsion fracture.