



**FIGURE 2.2**

The human spine: example. (From Southwest Scoliosis Institute and Michael O'Brien. With permission.)

The ESI compounded drug was packaged and marketed by the New England Compounding Center (NECC), a compounding pharmacy in Framingham, Massachusetts. As I mentioned earlier, the tainted ESI doses were distributed to 75 medical facilities in 23 states. NECC was an example of a compounding pharmacy producing a drug product or medicine for office use and not specific patients.

## **Summary**

These two examples have clear distinctions between traditional compounding to fill a specific patient need and compounding for office use. The issue is that there are so many drugs and so many variations that the combinations are almost exponential. It is easy to see why legislators defer decisions to sort out the definitions (and oversight) of all the compounded