

Spinal deformity corrections: The State of the Art

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Spinal deformities

- Children early onset; congenital
- Teenagers adolescent idiopathic
(AIS)
- Adults & elderly adult spinal deformity
(ASD)

Early onset scoliosis

- * 2 – 12
- * $B > G$
- * $L > R$
- * Resolving v progressive



Early onset scoliosis

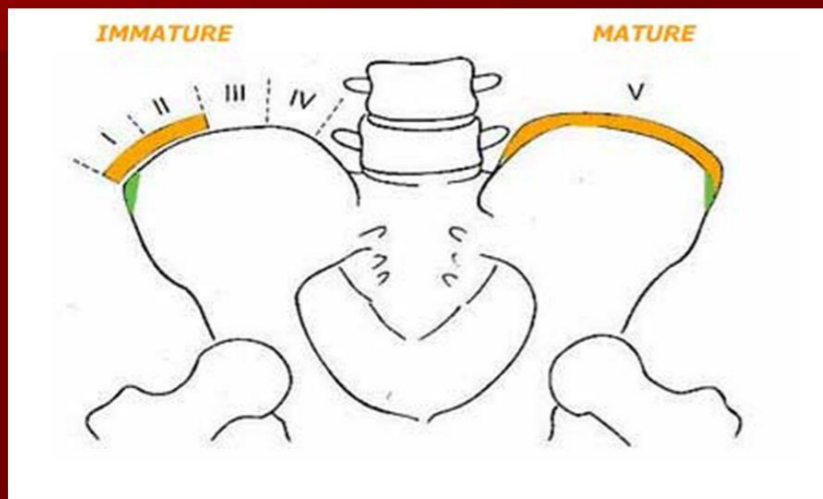
- * Skeletal maturity indicators
- * Trunk growth
- * MAGEC v TGR
- * VEPTR
- * Shilla and Tethering



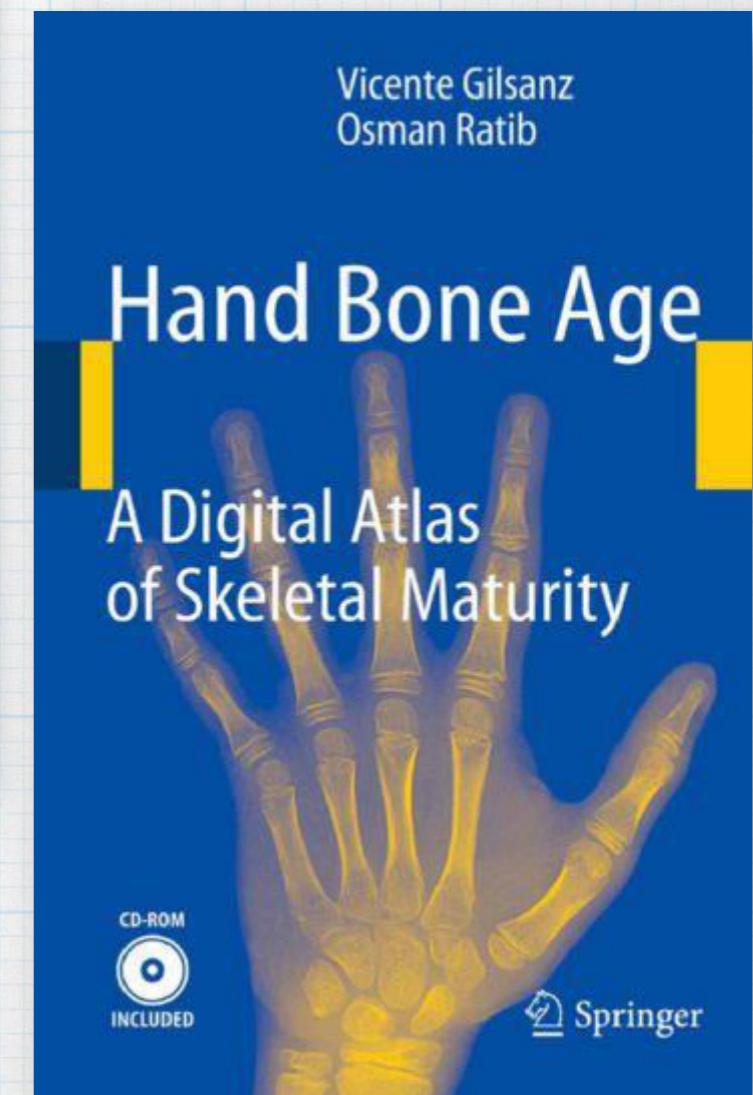
EOS:

skeletal maturity indicators

Risser sign



Girls		Boys	
Risser	Age	Risser	Age
1	13.8	1	15.2
2	14.3	2	15.2
3	14.7	3	16.3
4	16.0	4	16.3
5	16.11	5	18.0



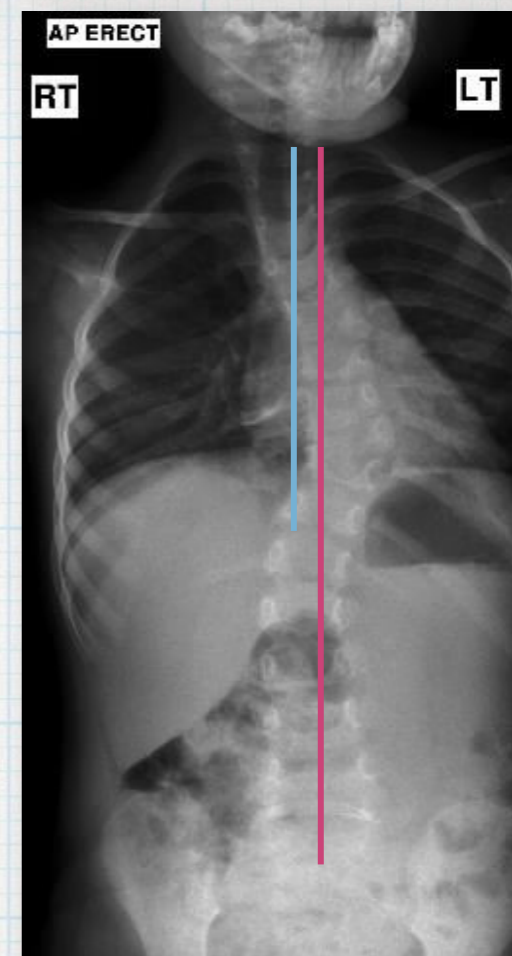
Early onset scoliosis:

trunk growth

- * Lung growth: first decade is 'golden period'
- * Thoracic volume: T1 – T12; T1 – S1 (sitting height)
- * Spinal deformity: Cobb angle

EOS:

assessing the magnitude



Lung function

- * Thoracic volume
- * Spirometry
- * Oximetry
- * Chest wall compliance

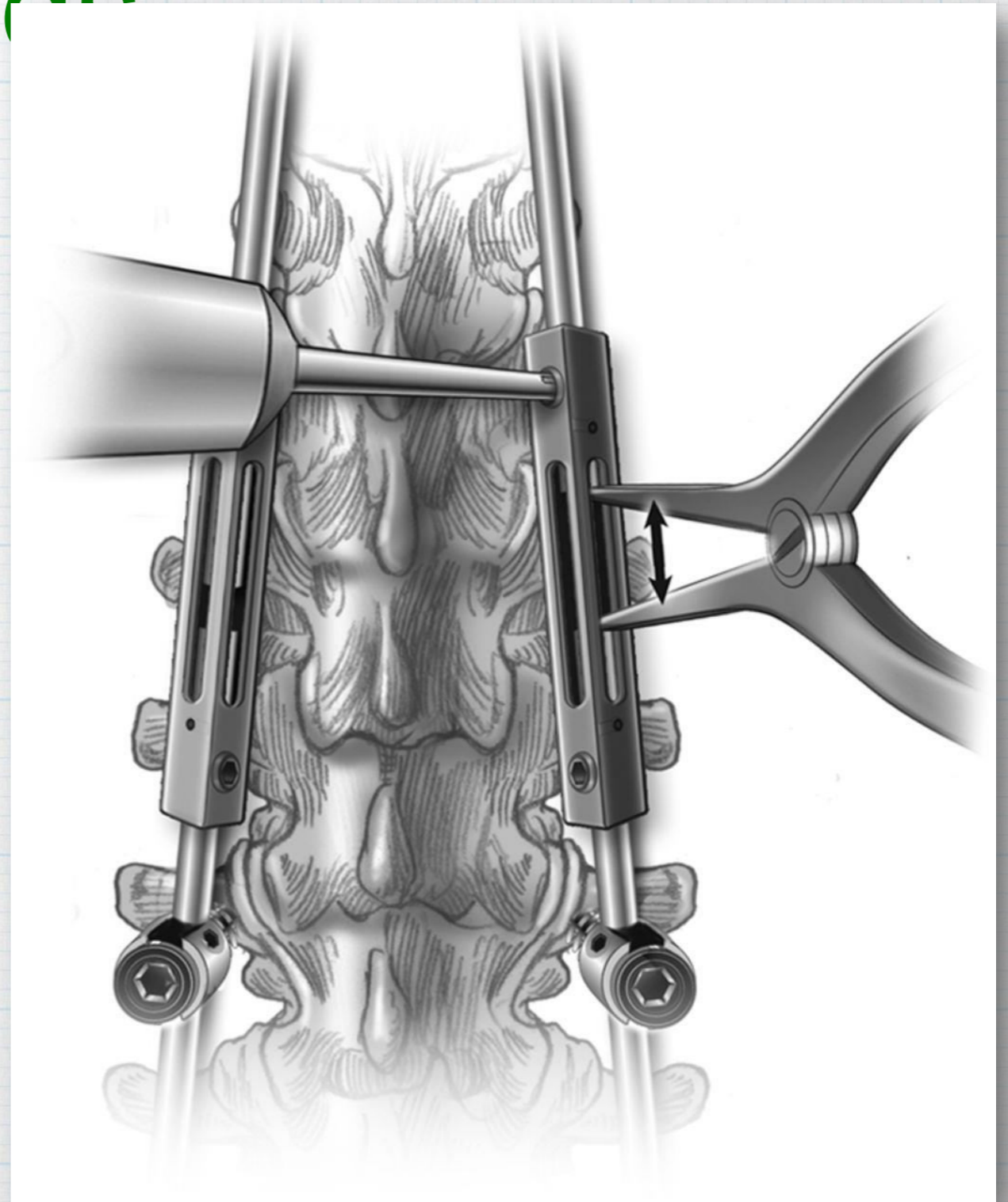
	Boys		Girls	
	<i>T1 – T12</i>	<i>T1 – S1</i>	<i>T1 – T12</i>	<i>T1 – S1</i>
Newborn	11	18.5	11	18.5
Child	18	28.5	18	28.5
Young	22	34.5	22	34.5
Adult	28	44	26	41.5

T1 – T12: Thoracic height

T1 – S1: Sitting height

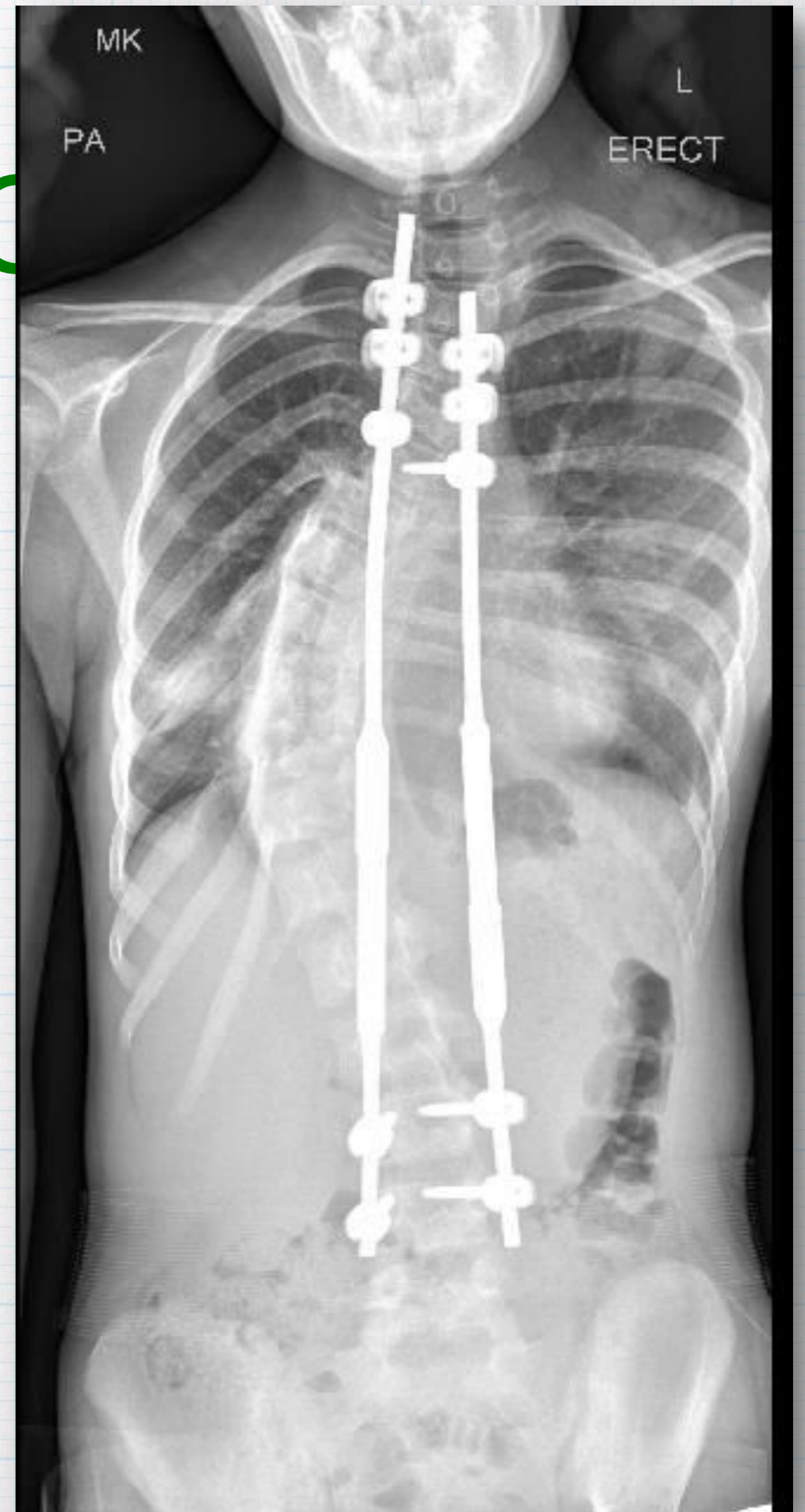
EOS: traditional growing rods

- * Surgical distraction
- * 6 monthly operations
- * 'Traumatic'



EOS: MAGEC

- * Magnetically controlled actuator
- * MAGnetic Expansion Control system
- * Fewer operations and anaesthesia

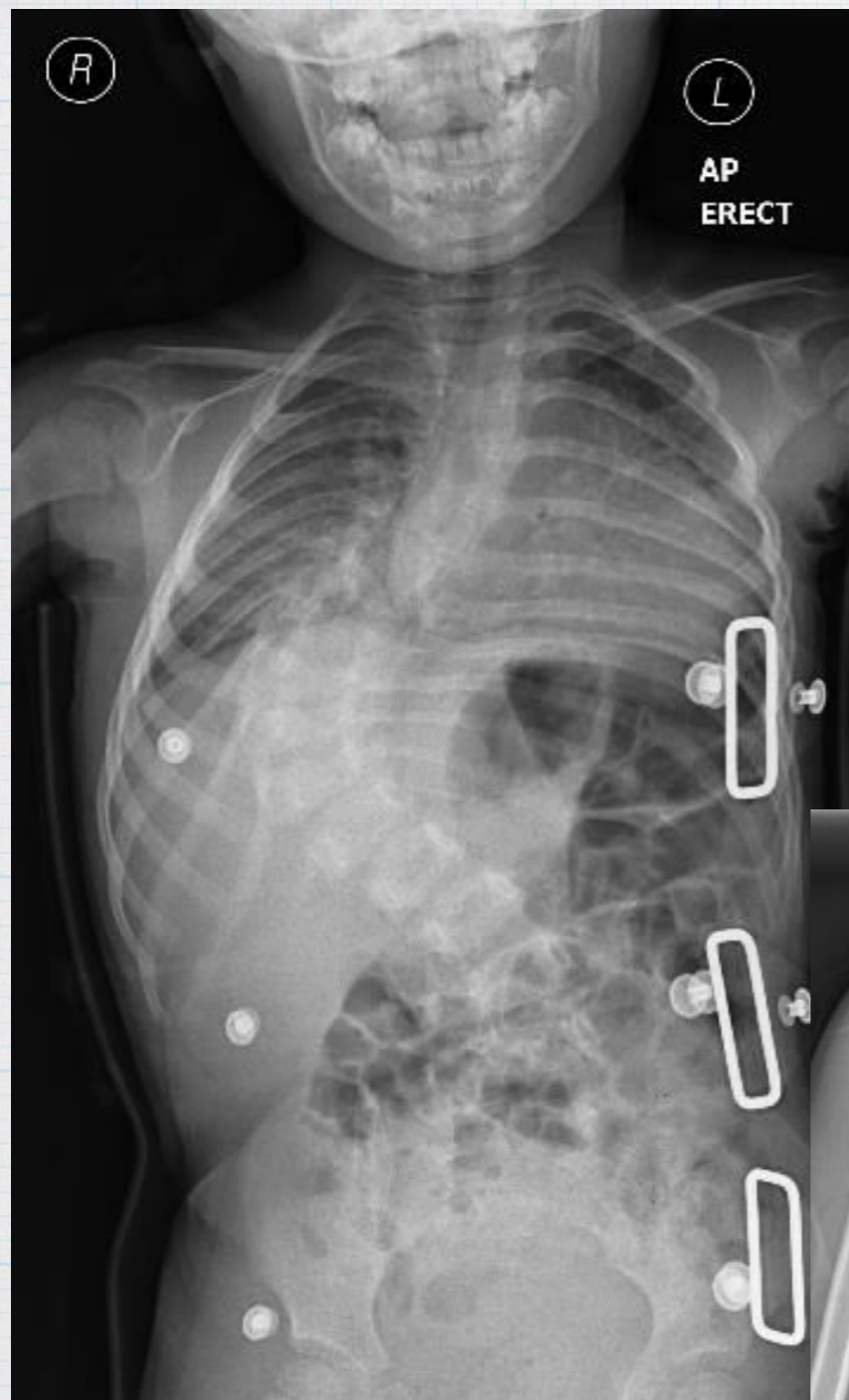


EOS: MAGEC



- * Out-patient distraction
- * Patient friendly
- * Cost (initial v recurring)



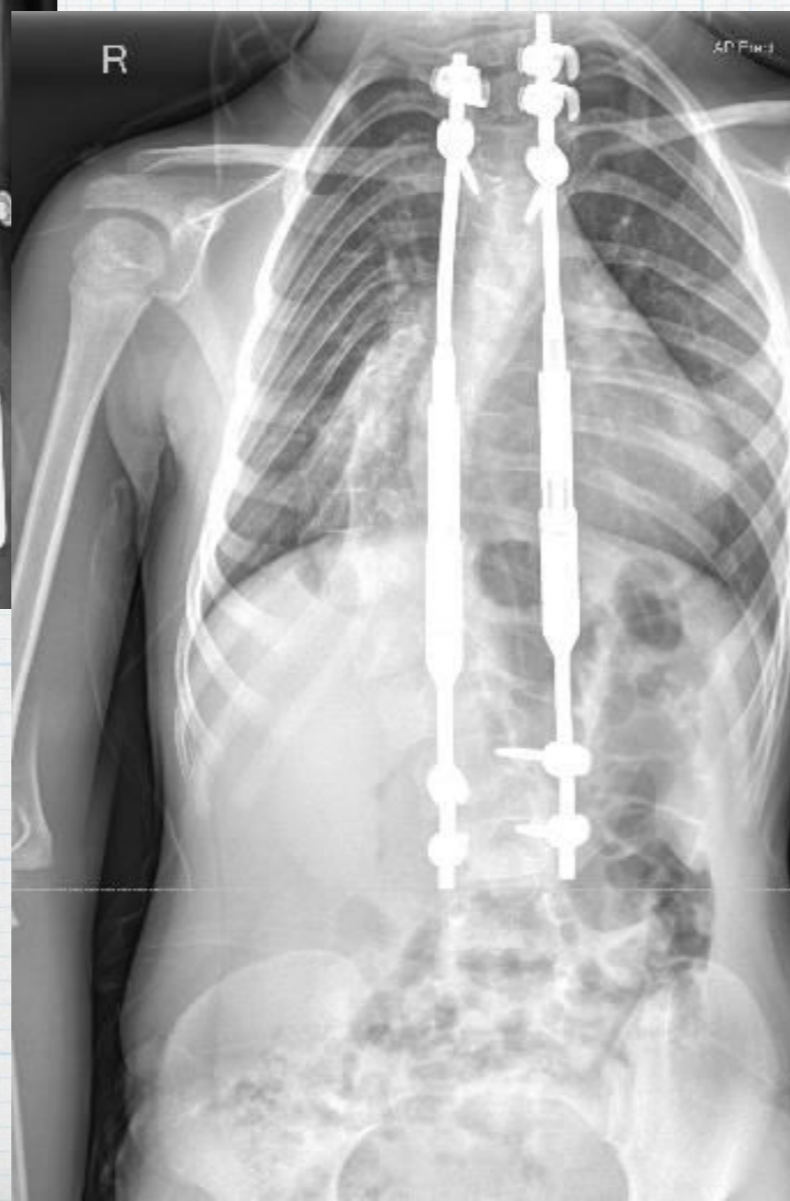


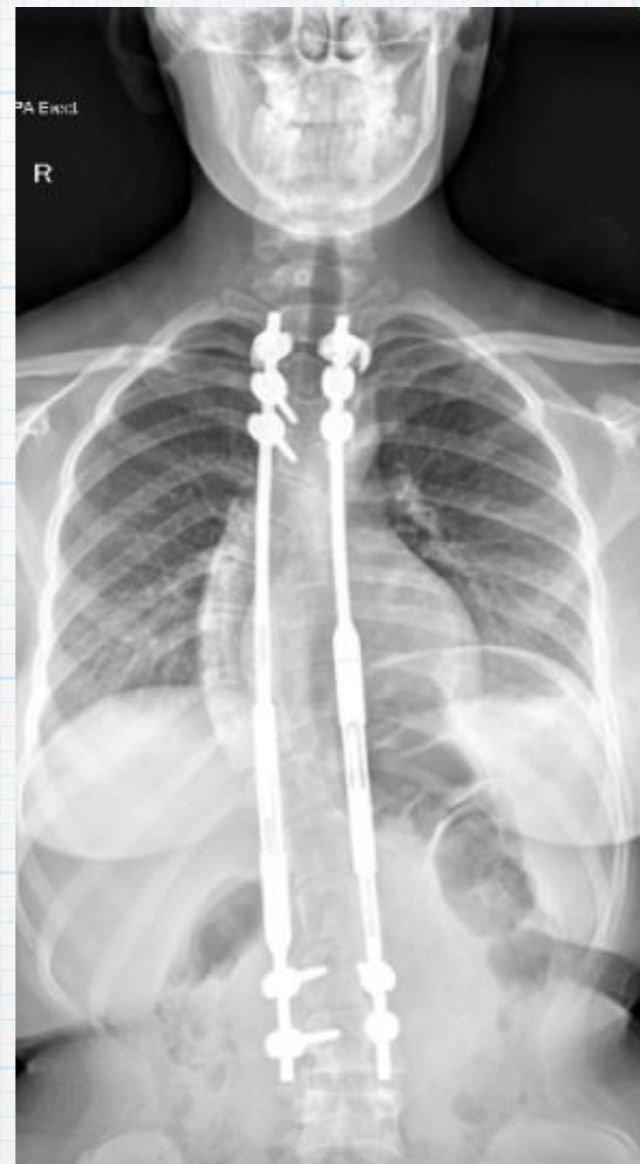
7 / F

Cobb: 80° to 60°

T1 – S1: 21.8 to 29.5
cm

FU period: 2.5 years





7 yrs

Thoracic 46°
Lumbar 40°
T1 S1 27.7
cm

12 yrs

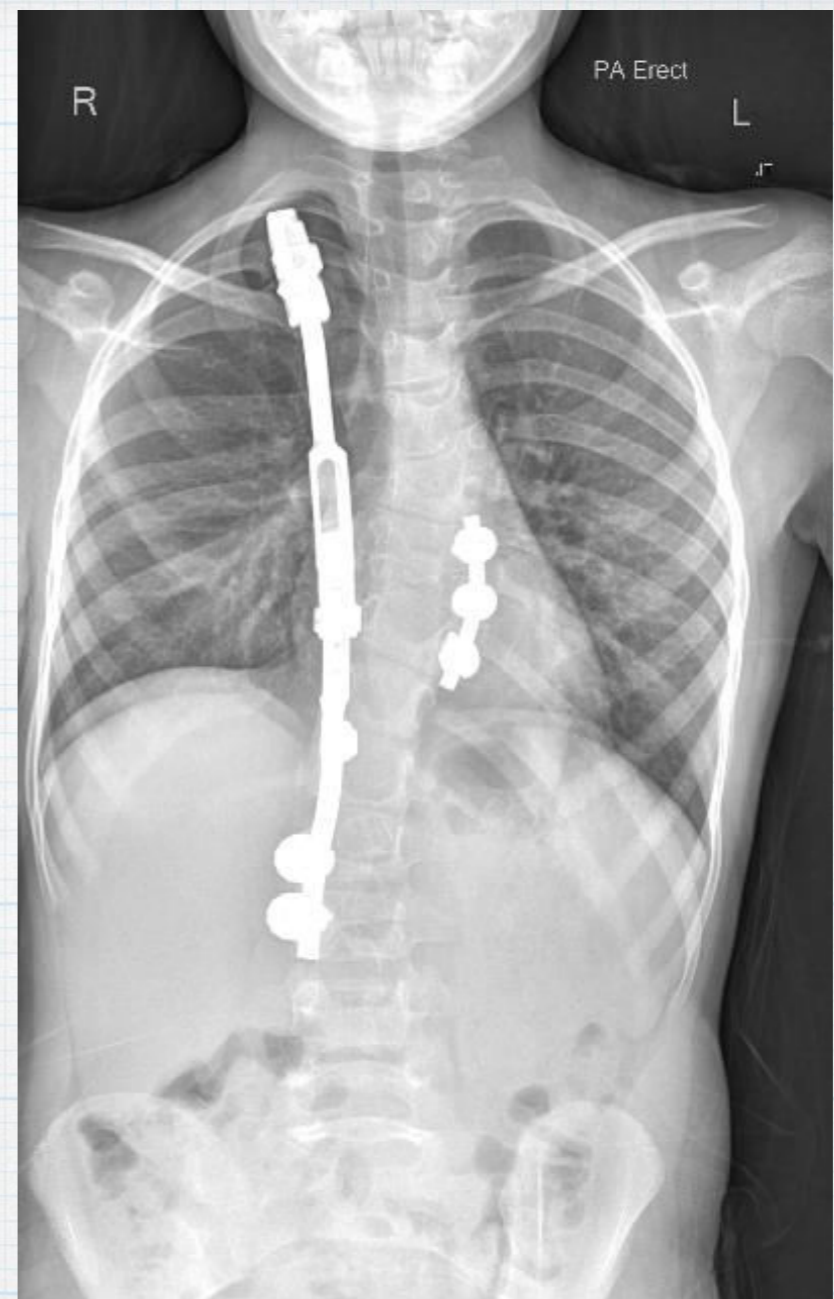
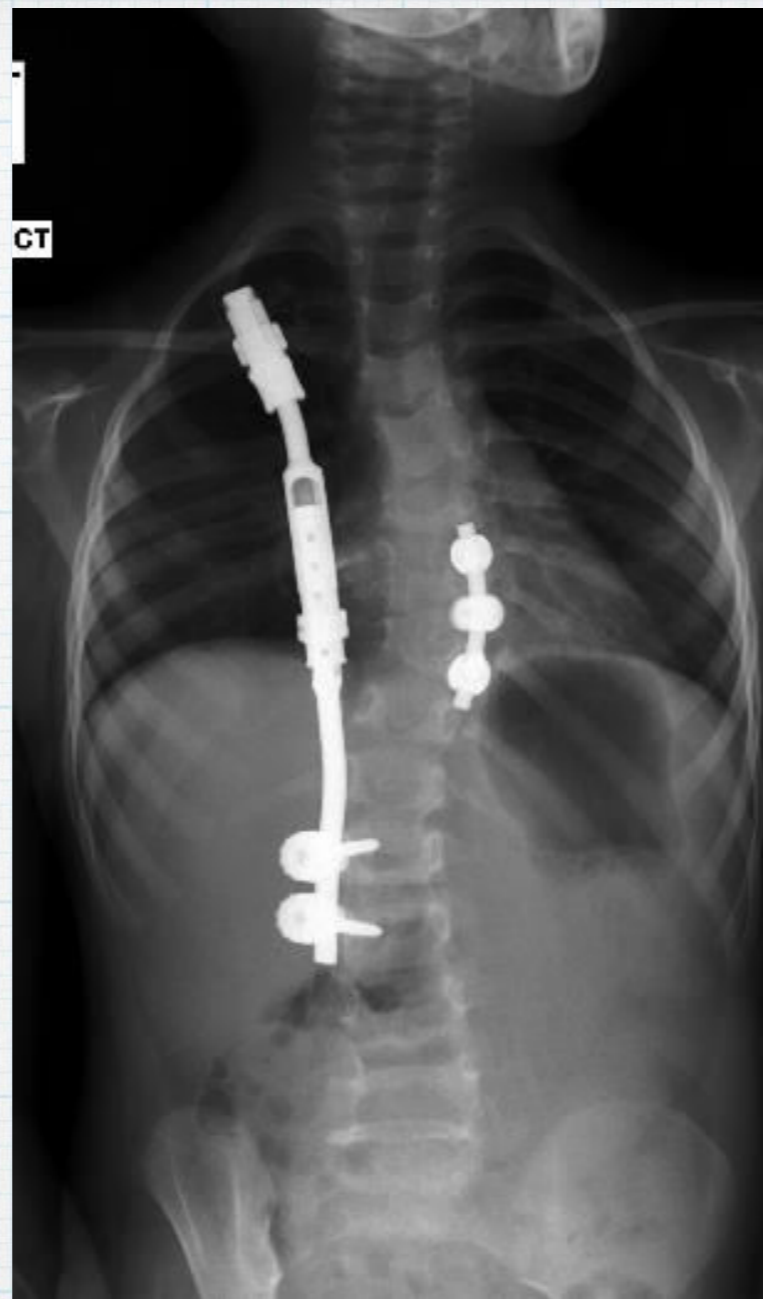
Thoracic 25°
Lumbar 12°
T1 S1 31.2
cm

14 yrs

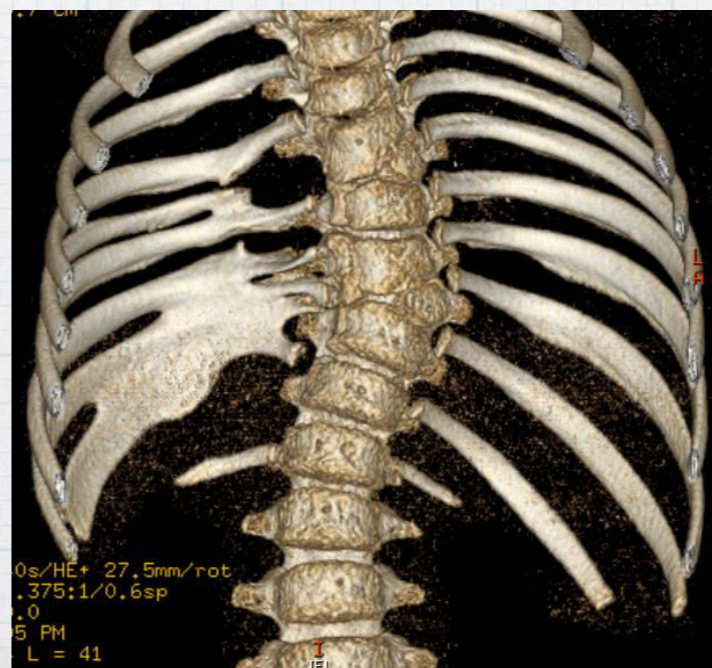
Thoracic 42°
Lumbar 11°
T1 S1 38.9
cm

15 yrs

Thoracic 21°
Lumbar 09°
T1 S1 38.6
cm



- * T9 hemi-vertebra
- * Convex growth arrest
- * VEPTR

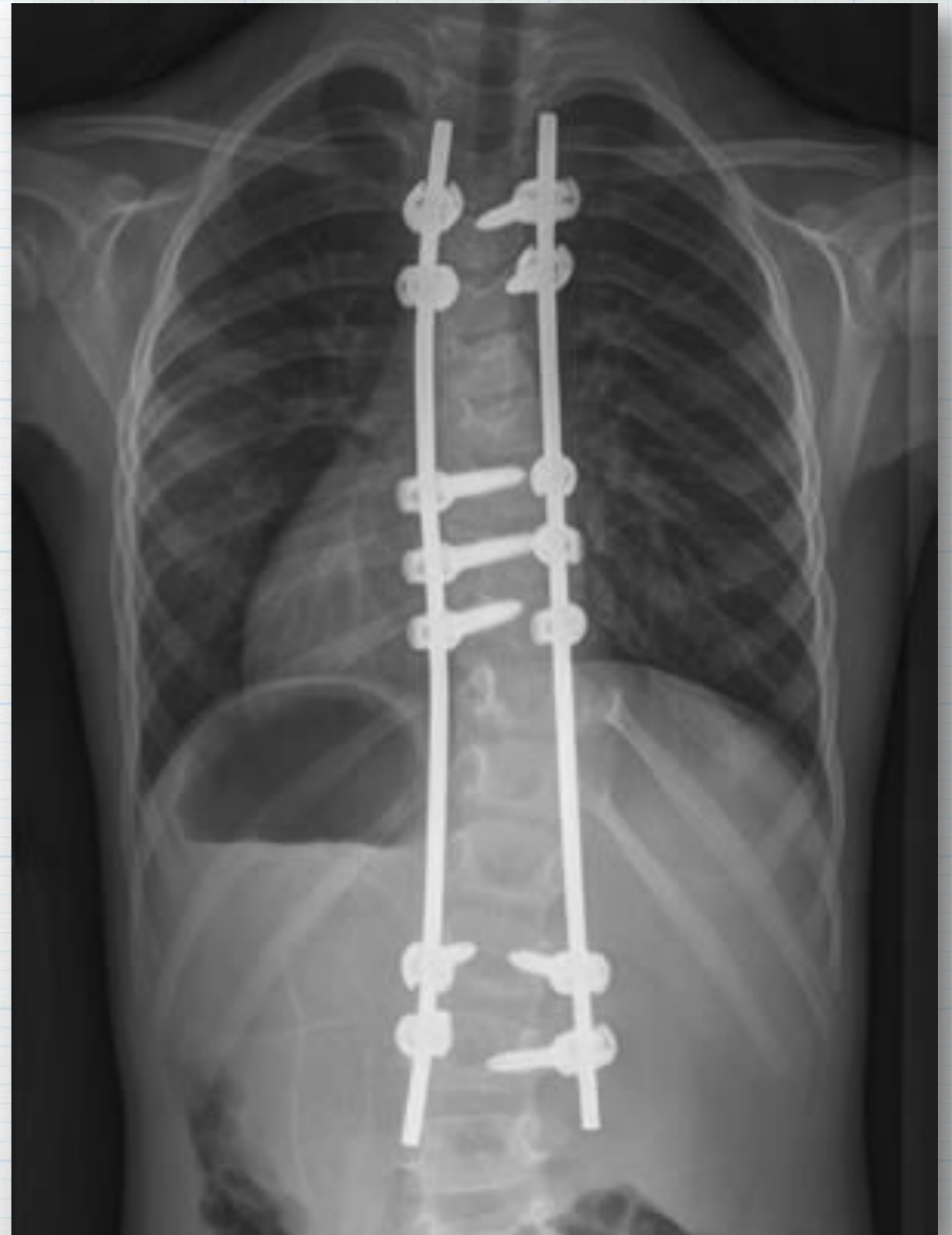


EOS: SHILLA

- * Growth guidance system
- * Fuse apex
- * Growth at the ends



SHILLA
screw



EOS: Vertebral body tethering

- * New technology
- * Not freely available

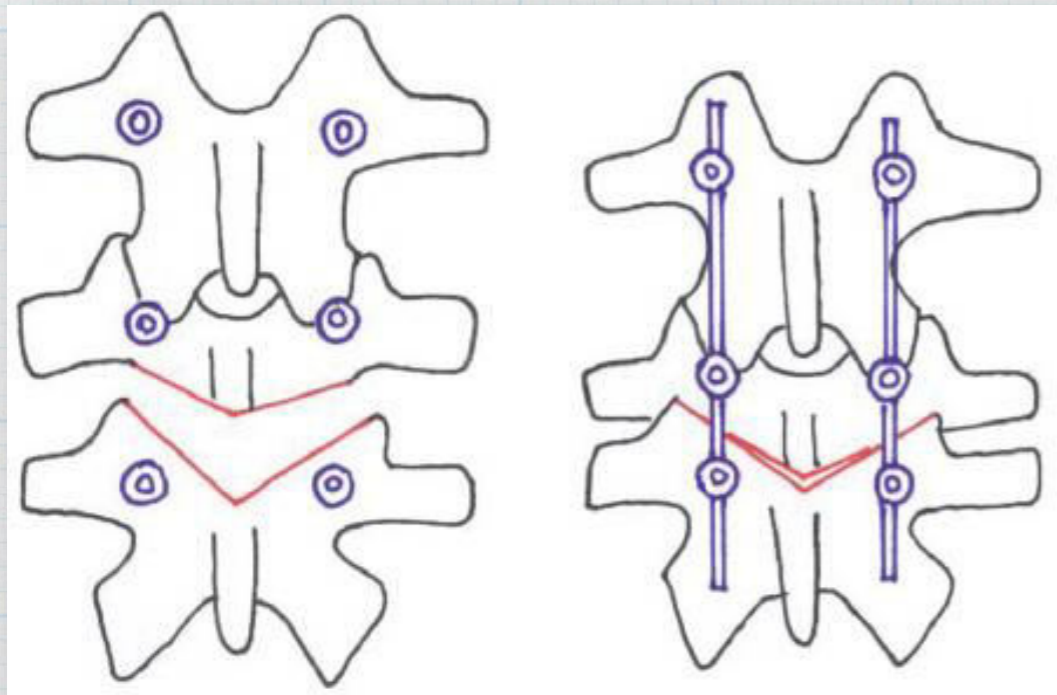


Adolescent idiopathic scoliosis

- * Teenage girls
- * MRI normal
- * Progression linked with skeletal maturity
- * Bracing of limited benefit

AIS: improving outcomes

- * Better corrections
- * Short fusions
- * Releases
- * Osteotomies





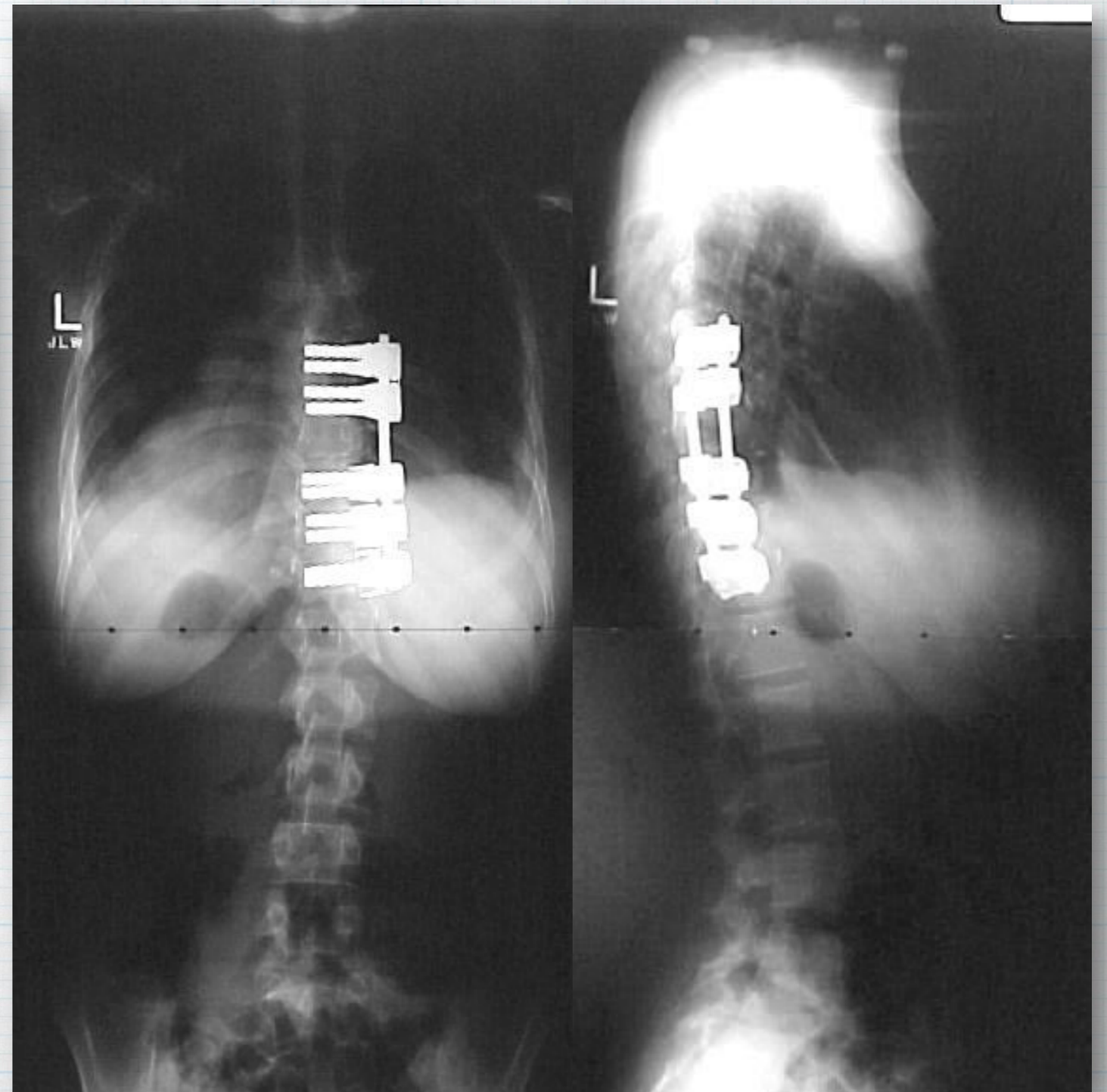
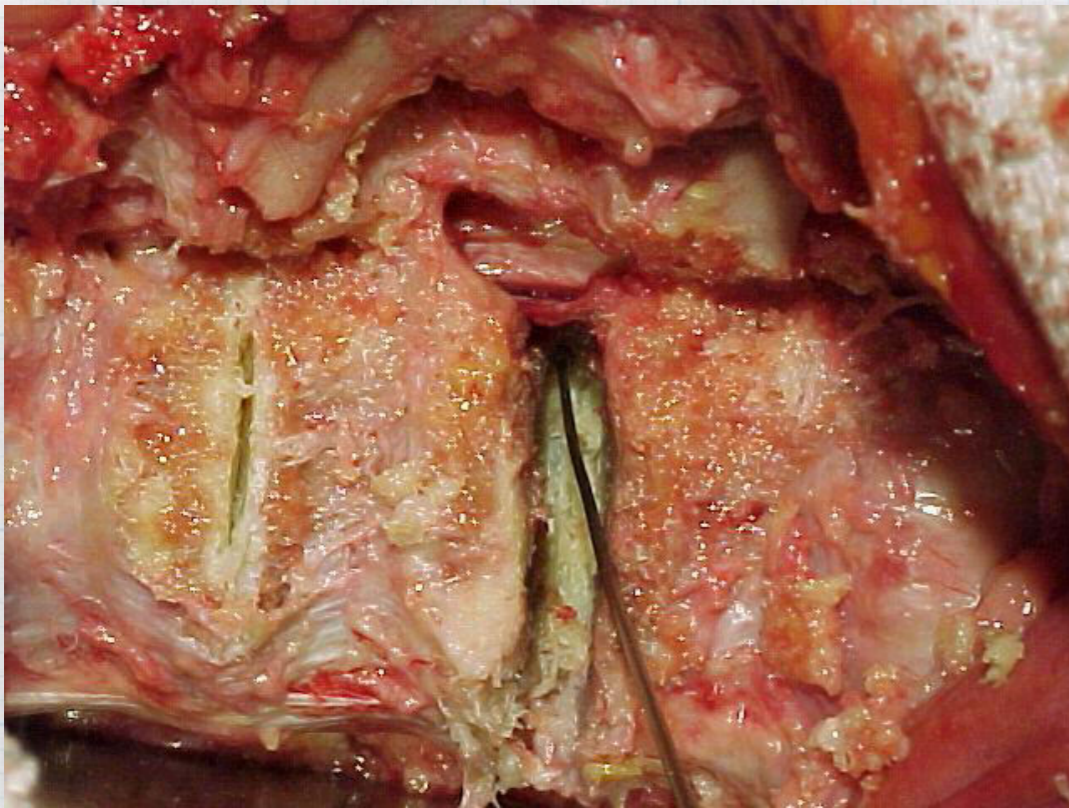
Cobb 77° to 18°

15 / F
Post menarche
2 years

Anterior release
5 levels

Posterior correction
4 osteotomies
T3 to L3

Anterior corrections





16 / M

Posterior correction T3 to L4

Thoracic 55° to 18°

Lumbar 69° to 19°

Rib hump improved





14 / M

Anterior release 4 levels + Posterior correction T3 to L4
Thoraco-lumbar 78° to 05°

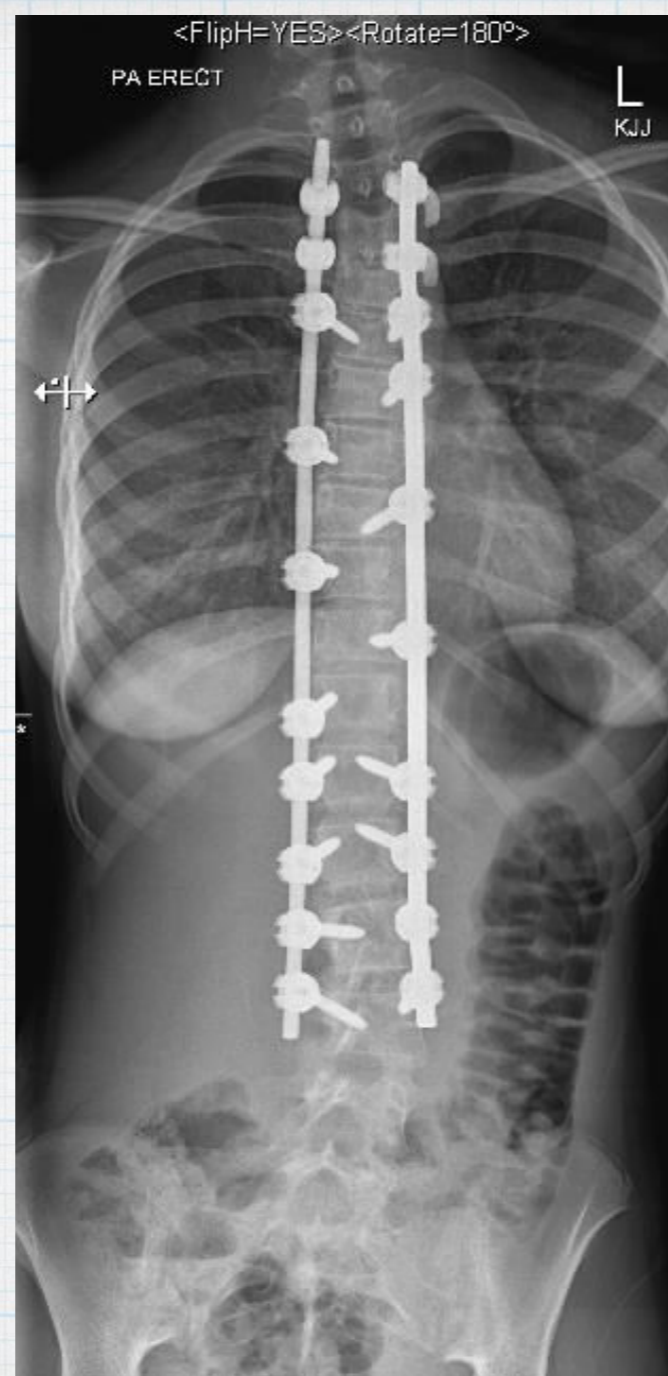


15 / M
Scheuermanns disease

Posterior correction T3 to L2

Thoracic kyphosis 77° to 40°

6'1" to 6'4"



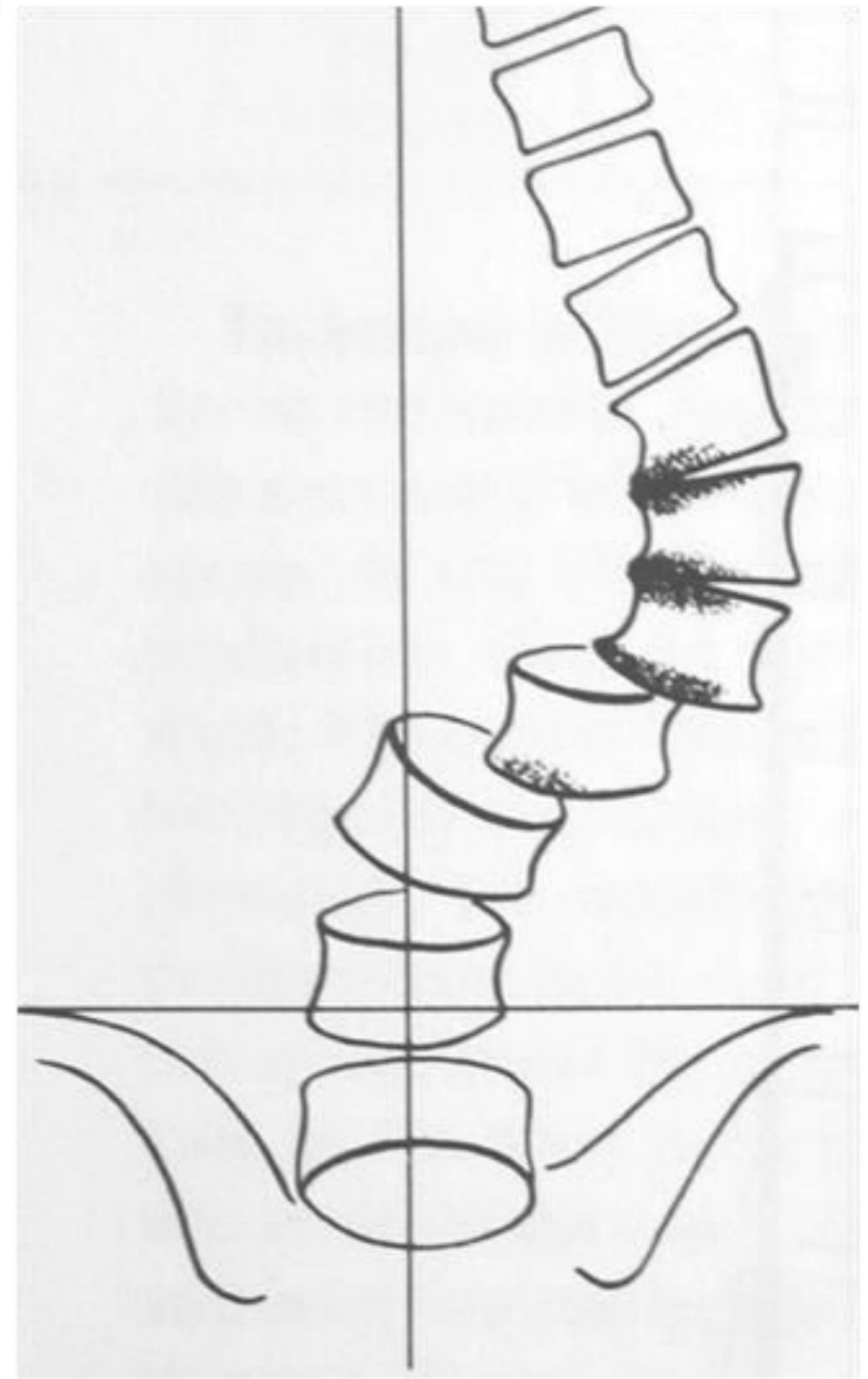
13 / F post menarchal
 Posterior correction T3 to L3
 Thoracic 49° to 09°
 Lumbar 38° to 10°
 Thoracic kyphosis 24° to 40°

AIS: newer technologies

- * Intra-op CT
- * Low dose X-rays



Adult spinal deformity



Sagittal plane

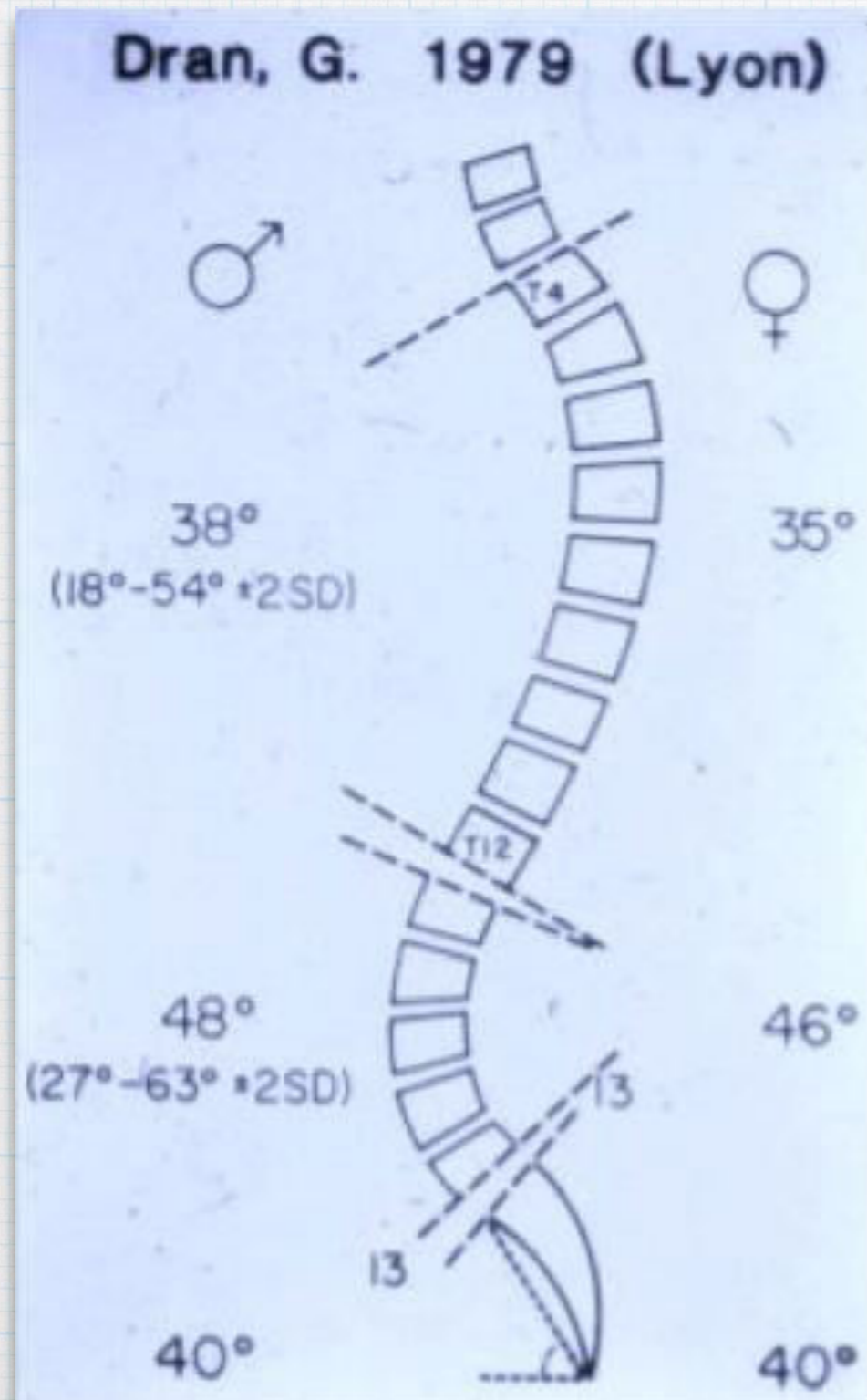




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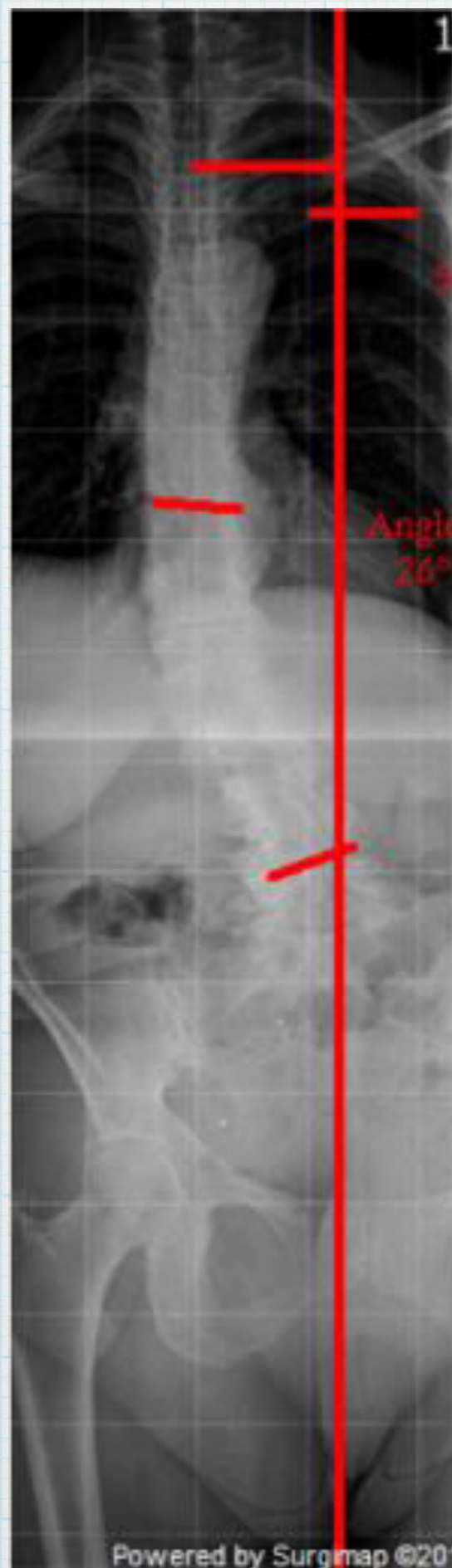


The spinal finger print



Measures:

- * Lumbar lordosis
- * Thoracic kyphosis
- * Sagittal vertical axis
- * Pelvic parameters



59 / F

AP Cobb 26°

CSL 7 cm

Pelvic:

PI 55°

SS 20°

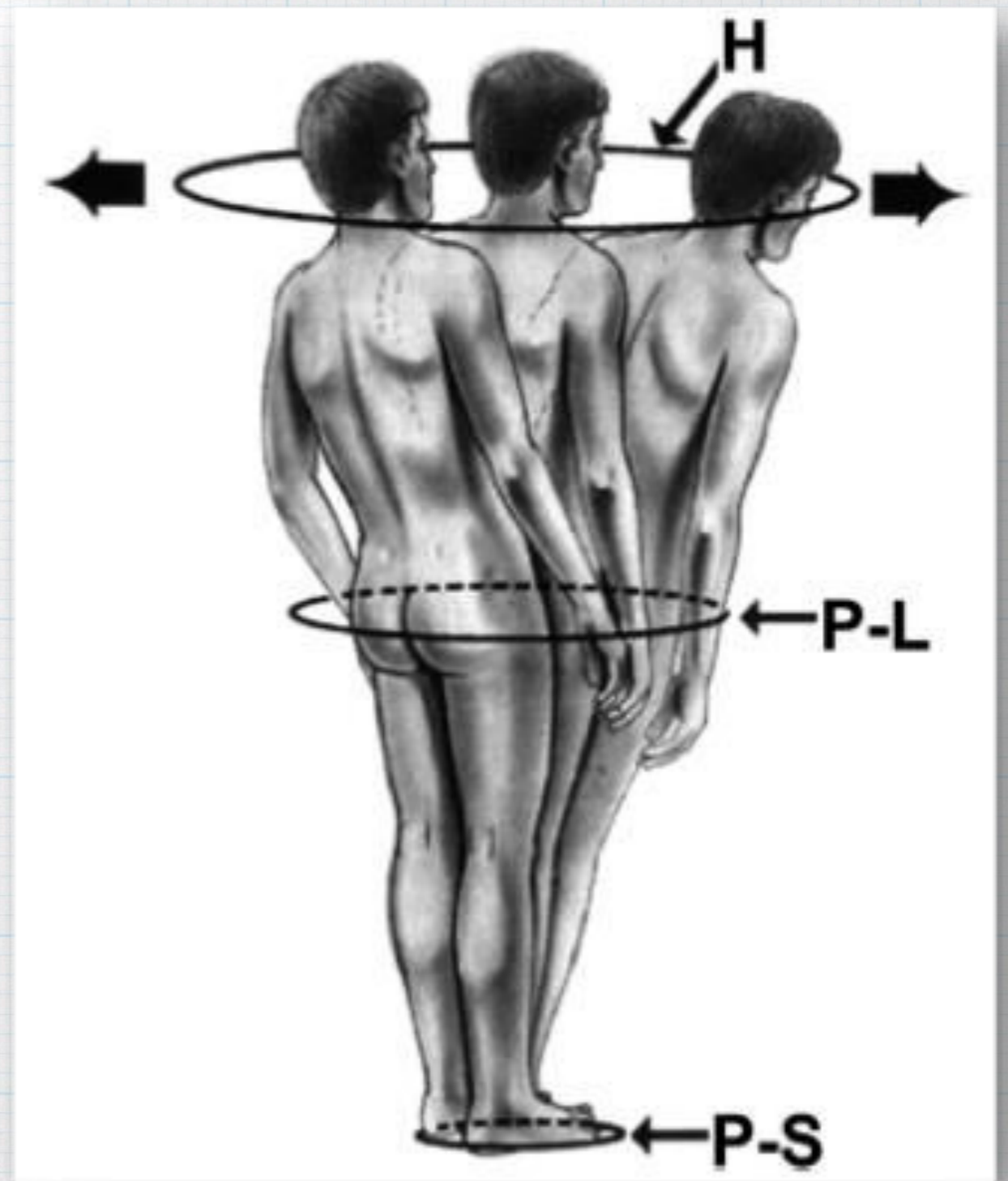
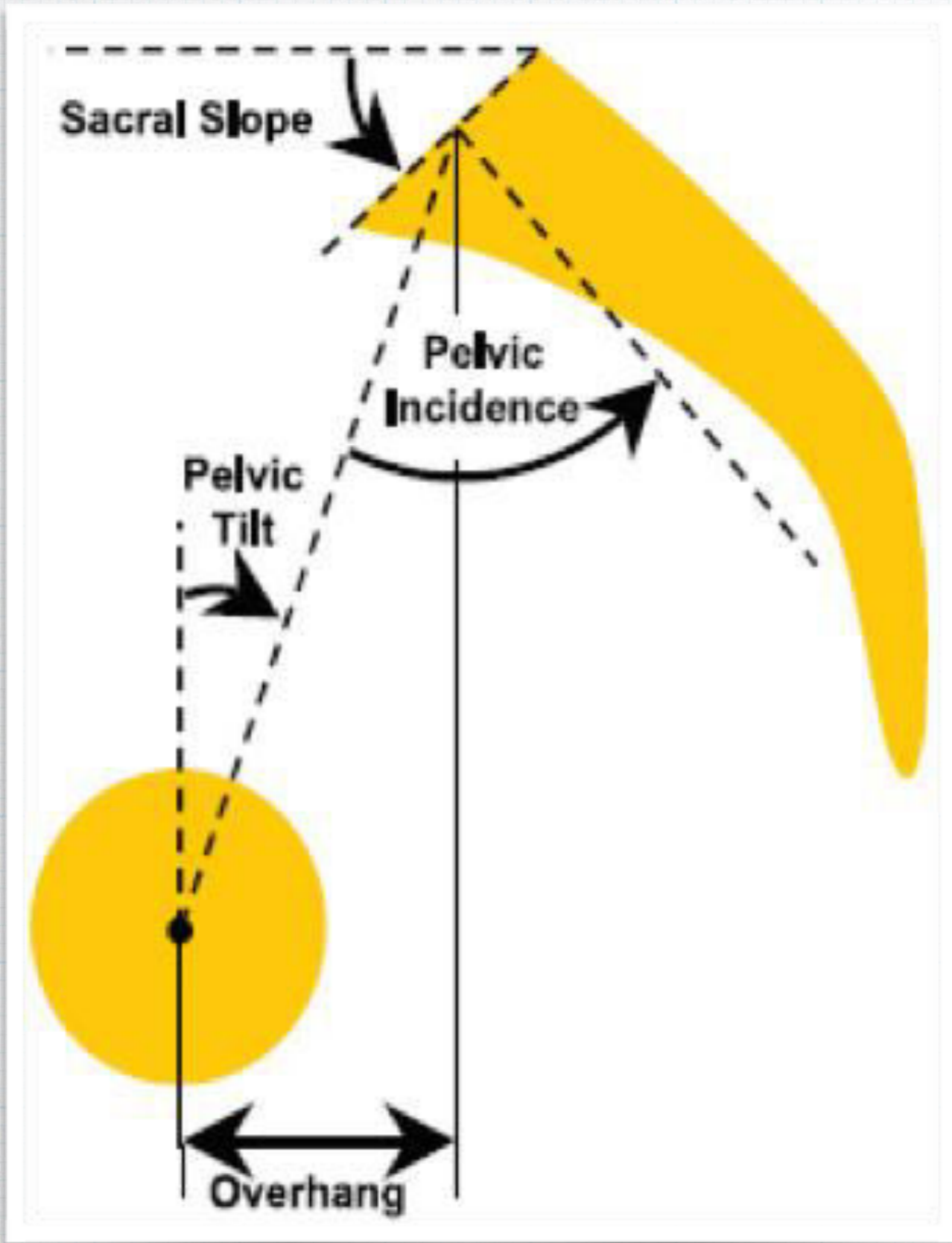
PT 35°

LL 44°

TL 66°

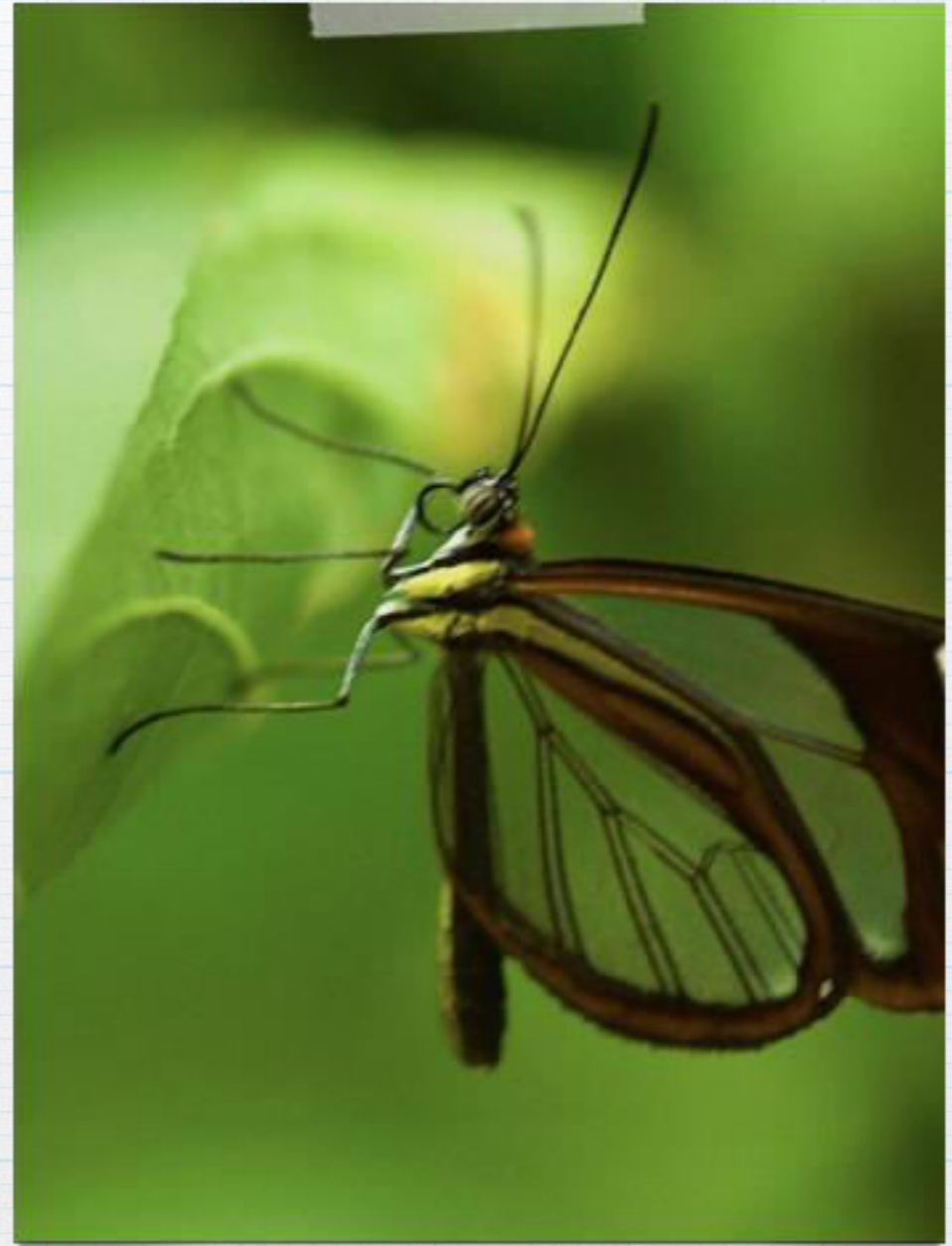
TK 56°

SVA 11 cm



ASD: patient related issues

- * Medical co-morbidities
- * Bone density
- * Nutritional status
- * Realistic outcomes

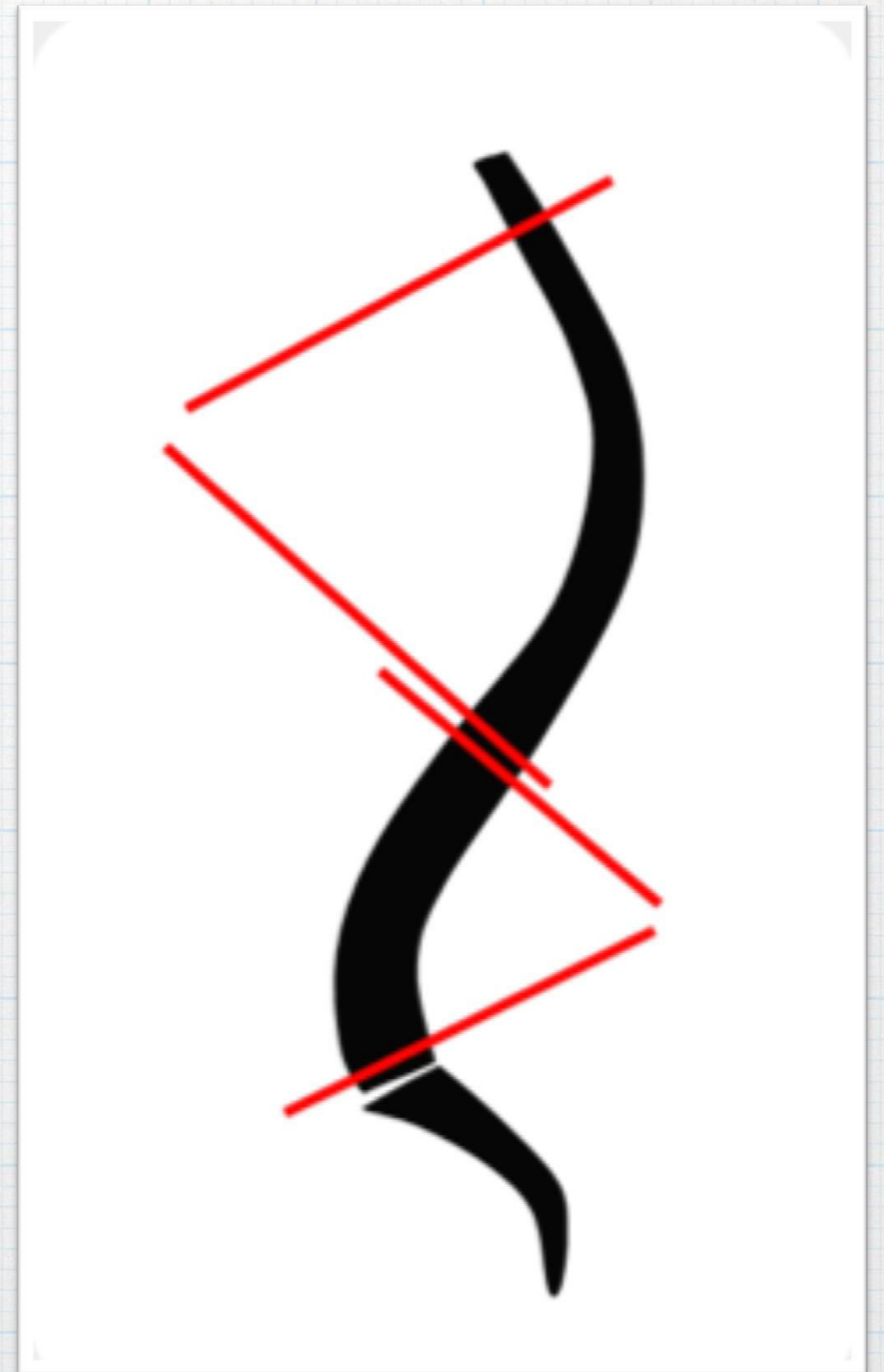


ASD: pre-operative assessment

- * Anaesthetic assessment
- * Bleeding (intra-op): cell salvage, tranexamic acid
- * Spinal cord monitoring

Aims of intervention

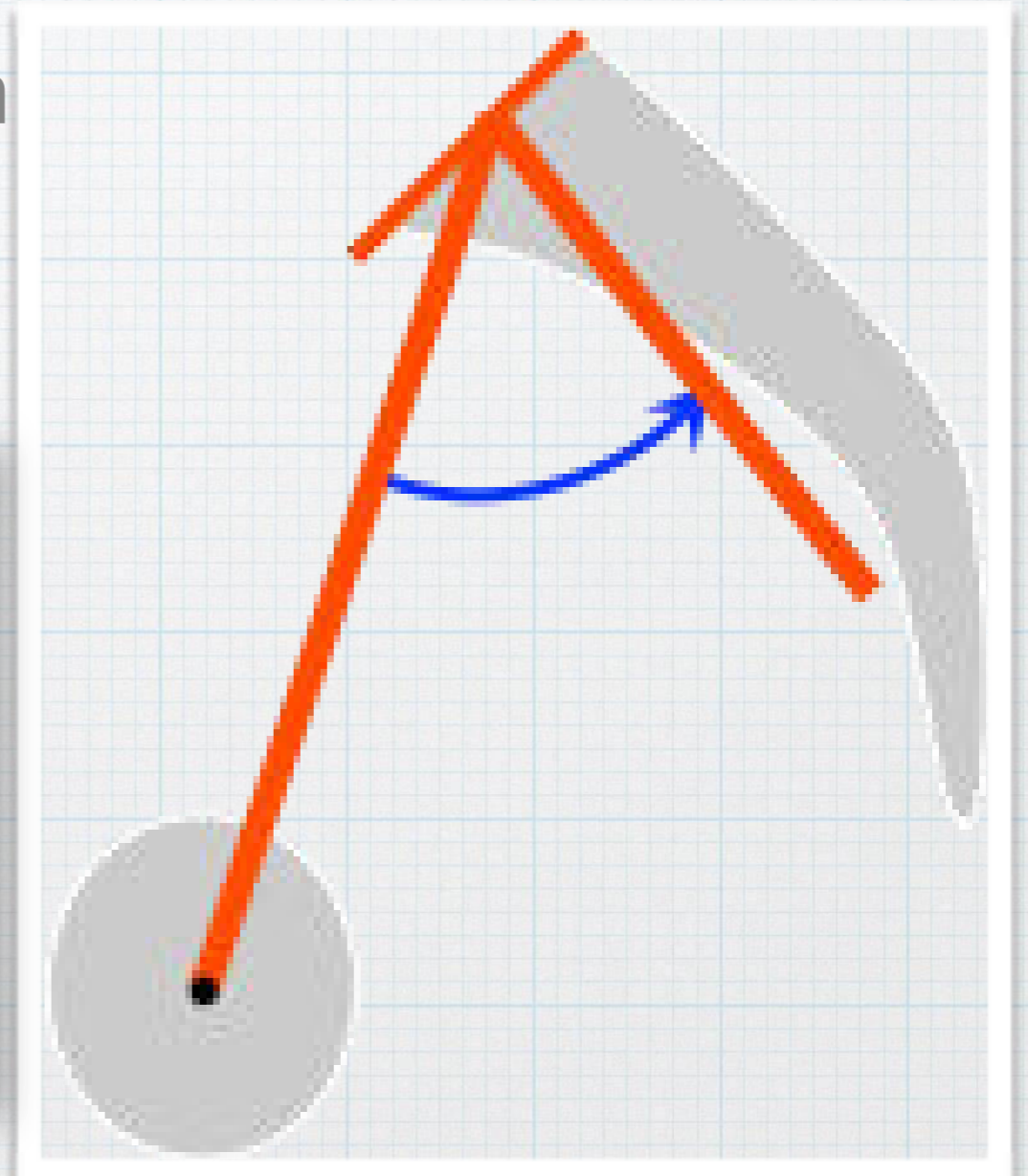
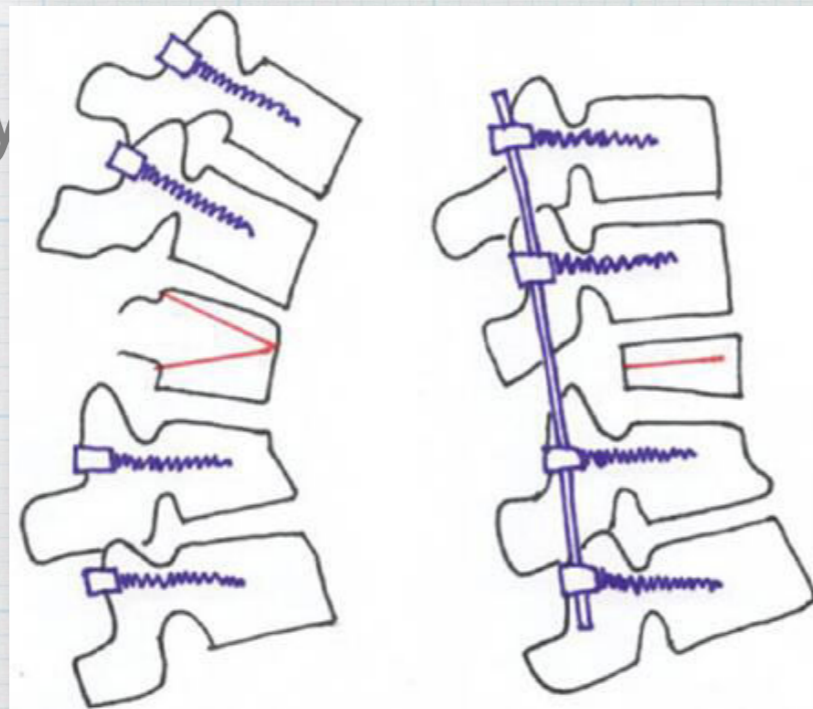
- * Adapt lordosis
- * Restore plumb line
- * Decompress nerves
- * Achieve solid fusion
- * Head above the pelvis

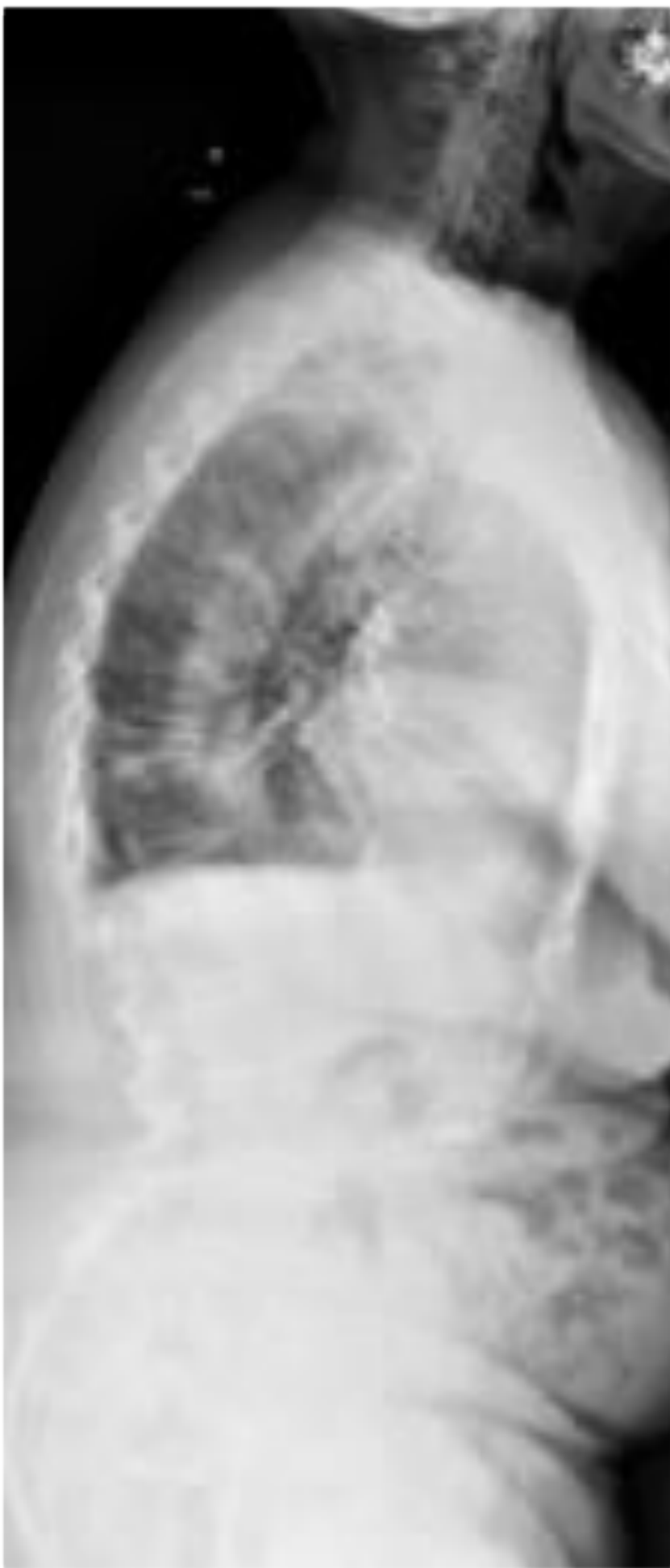


Adapting the lordosis

$$LL = PI \pm 9^\circ$$

- * Identify the 'ideal' for that person
- * Excise facets, open up the discs
- * Facetectomy
- * Discectomy
- * Osteotomy





PI 60°

LL 44° to 72°

TK 32° to 67°



PI 48°

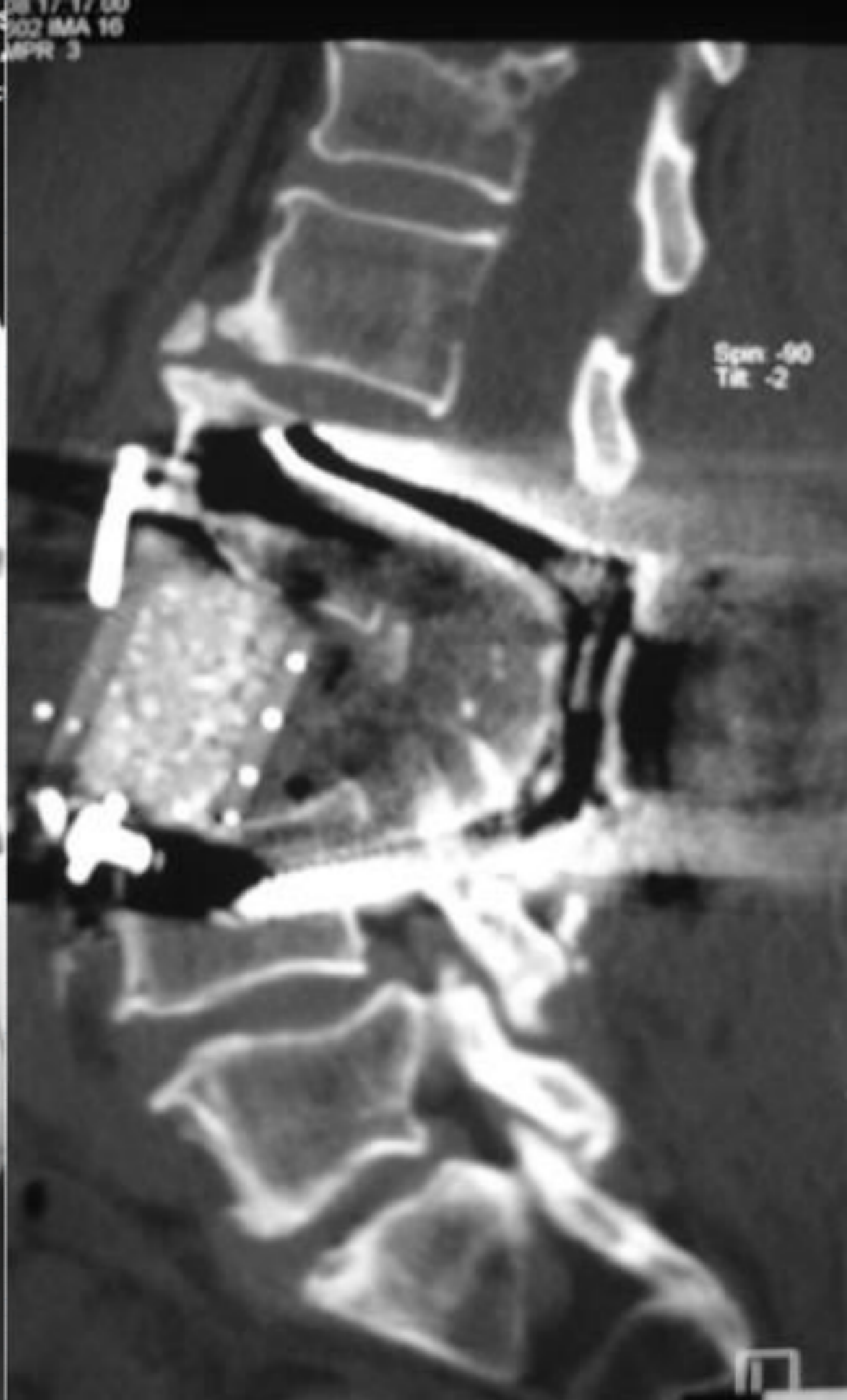
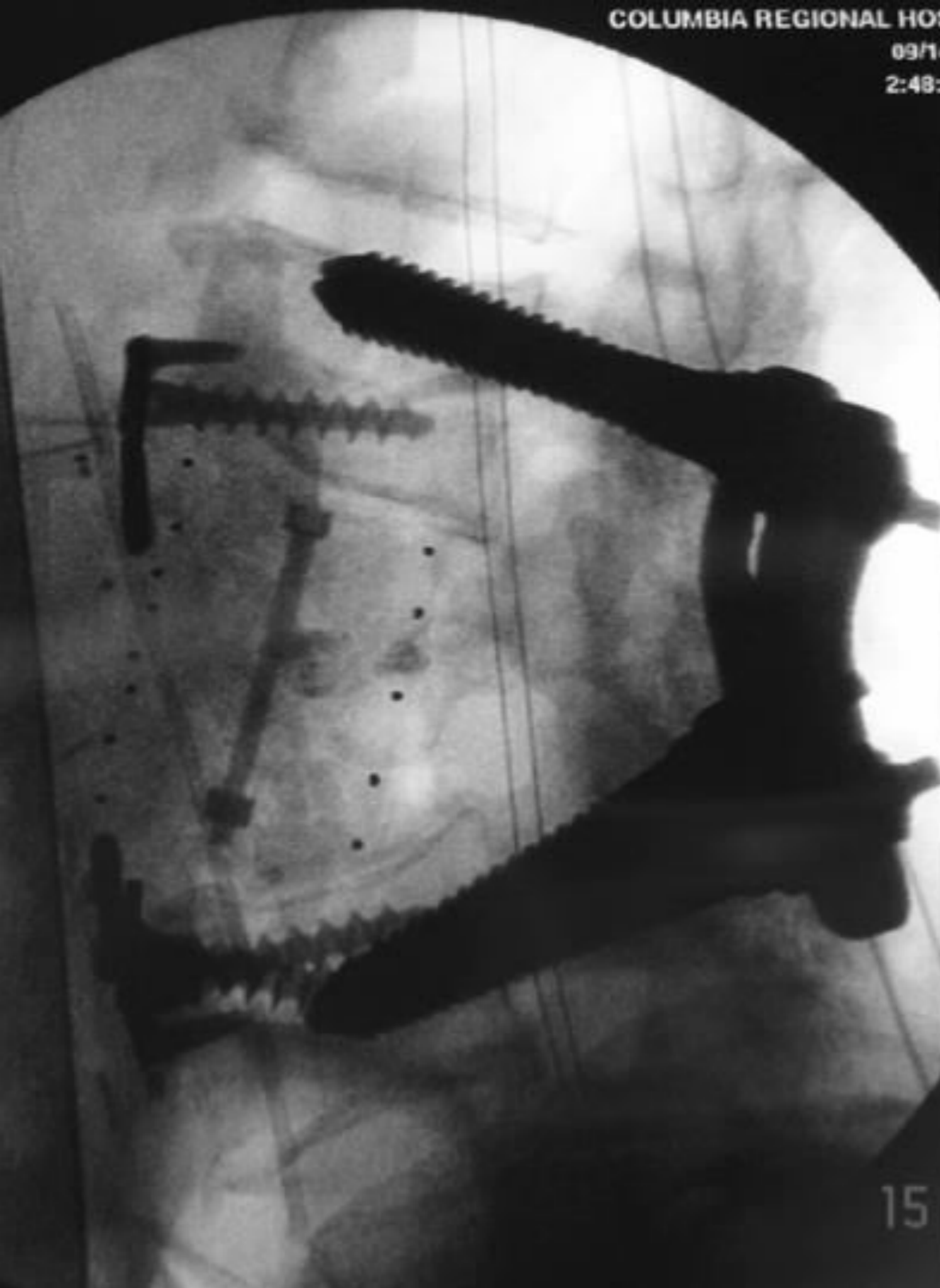
LL 25° to 41°

Anterior:
L12, 23, L34
discectomy

Posterior:
T10 – L5









18 1:54PM



ASD: logistical issues

- * Institutional back up
- * MDT set up
- * Robust conservative options
- * Realistic expectations

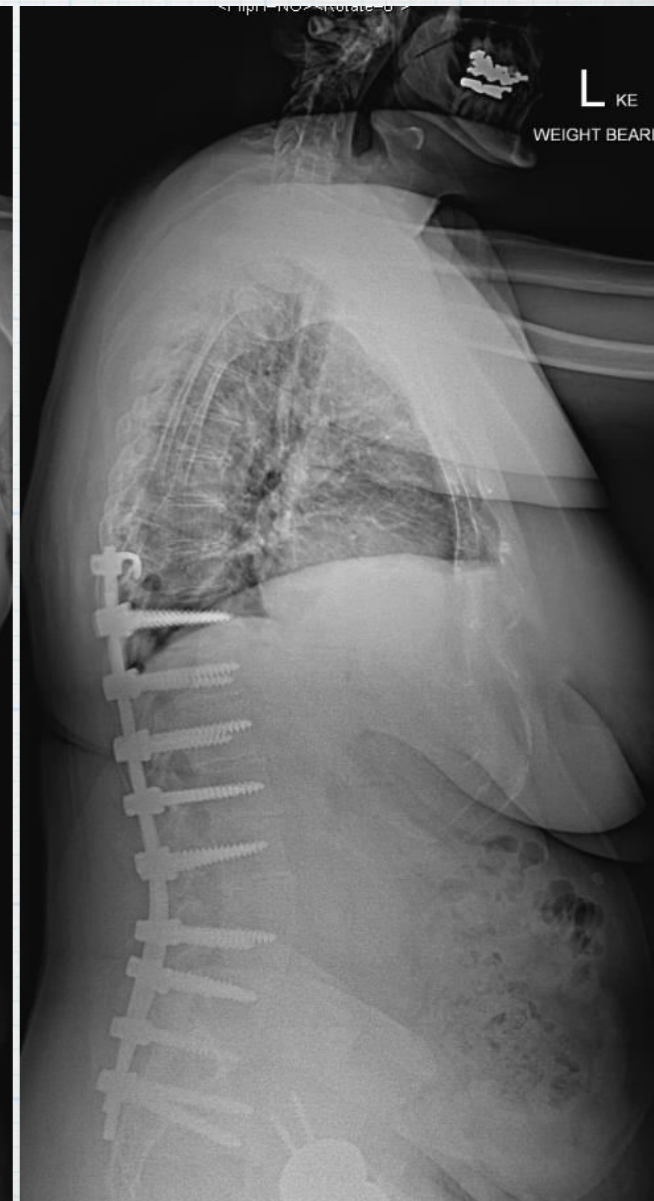


PI 40°

LL 9° to 33°

SVA 18.3 to 1 cm

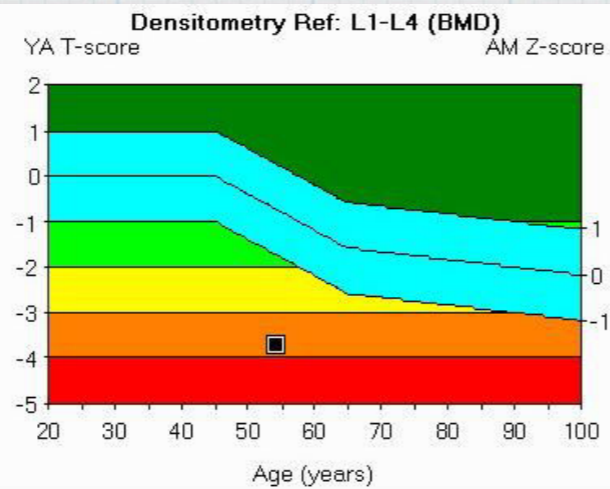
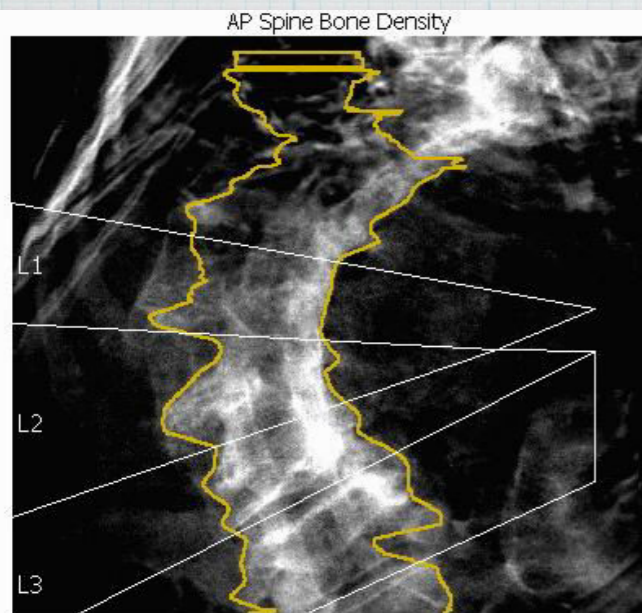




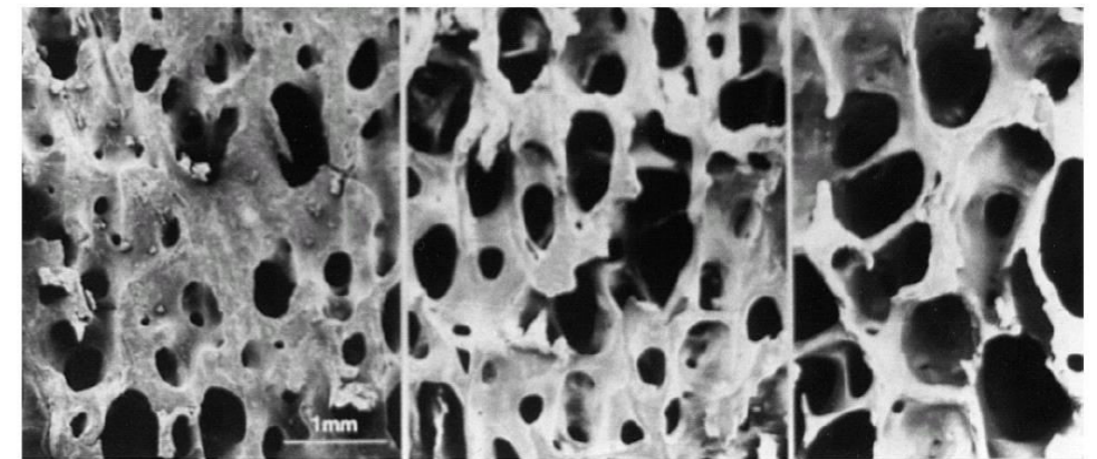
PI 55°
 LL 24° to 41°
 TK 14° to 47°
 SVA 11 to 4.8 cm

ASD: risk assessments

- * Risk assessment: basis of informed choice and appropriate care
- * Reducing variability: Variability is a proxy for quality of care
- * Clinical practice guidelines



Region	¹ BMD (g/cm ²)	² Young-Adult T-score	³ Age-Matched Z-score
L1	0.522	-5.1	-4.3
L2	0.779	-3.5	-2.8
L3	0.886	-2.6	-1.9
L4	0.738	-3.8	-3.1
L1-L4	0.732	-3.7	-3.0



24 year old female
control WB

63 year old female
control WB

89 year old female
fracture WB

Figure 38

Age-related changes in apparent density and architecture of human trabecular bone from the lumbar spine. (Courtesy of Marc D. Grynblas, PhD.)

- * Pre-op identification with DEXA
- * Antiresorbptive Medications (Bisphosphonates)
- * Anabolic Medications (Teriperatide)
- * Fixation Strategies for the Osteoporotic Spine

Scoliosis Research Society Morbidity and Mortality of Adult Scoliosis Surgery

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- * **4980 cases of adult scoliosis between 2004 and 2007**

- * **521 patients with complications (10.5%)**

- * **Predictors** of complications:

1. Osteotomies
2. Revision Surgery
3. Combined Anterior/Posterior Approaches

- * **Non-predictors:** Age and type of scoliosis

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YOUR SPINE TREATMENT CALCULATOR

This calculator shows possible patient results for physical activity, pain and overall health after surgical or [non-surgical](#) treatment for low back related pain. The data used come from the Spine Patient Outcomes Research Trial (SPORT)*. This tool is for people whose doctor has told them that they have one of the diagnoses listed below.

Choose one of the diagnoses below.

Sciatica/Ruptured Disc (Herniated Disc): A vertebral disc is a soft gel-like structure with a normally strong covering that sits between each vertebra in your back and acts like a cushion. A herniated disc happens when this disc has broken down and part of it is pressing on a nerve. The pressure causes pain that most often runs from your back through your buttocks and down one leg.

Pinched Nerve (Spinal Stenosis): This is usually from arthritis in the back. The pain is generally in the lower back and it may also shoot down your leg from your buttocks when walking, but not sitting.

Slipped Vertebra (Degenerative Spondylolisthesis or DS): DS is a condition in which one or more vertebrae move out of place, usually forward, and cause pain similar to that felt with spinal stenosis (see above).

This calculator does not apply to other diagnoses or to a combination of diagnoses.

Select your diagnosis:

- ☐ Sciatica/Ruptured Disc (Herniated Disc)
- ☐ Pinched Nerve (Spinal Stenosis)
- ☐ Slipped Vertebra (Degenerative Spondylolisthesis or DS)

[Proceed to Calculator](#)



SpineSage is a predictive modeling tool based on data from the Spine End Results Registry: 1476 patients

The Spine End Results Registry

Prospectively collected data registry for all patients undergoing spine surgery at Harborview Medical Center and University of Washington Medical Center from January 1st 2003, to December 31st, 2004.


Several multivariate log-binomial analyses were performed to identify and quantify risk factors for these complications after spine surgery and have been published in the peer-refereed literature.

Please enter as much of the following information as you can to receive the best risk estimates.
A rough estimate will still be generated if you cannot provide all of the information below.

Age Group

75-84 years

Sex

Female Functional Status Partially Dependent Emergency Case No ASA Class Severe systemic disease Steroid use for chronic condition No Ascites within 30 days prior to surgery No Systemic Sepsis within 48 hours prior to surgery None Ventilator Dependent No Disseminated Cancer No Diabetes Oral Hypertension requiring medication Yes Congestive Heart Failure in 30 days prior to surgery No Dyspnea No Current Smoker within 1 Year No History of Severe COPD No Dialysis No Acute Renal Failure No BMI Calculation: 

Height (in) 68

Weight (lbs) 170

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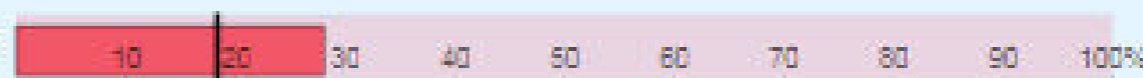
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Risk Factors: 75-84 years, Partially dependent functional status, ASA Severe systemic disease, Diabetes (Oral), HTN, Over Weight

[Change Patient Risk Factors](#)

Outcomes ⓘ

Serious Complication



Your
Risk

Average
Risk

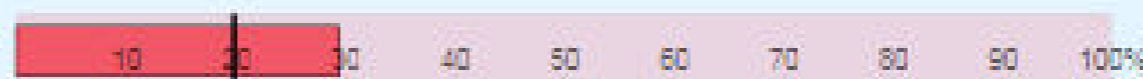
Chance of
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18.3%

Above Average

Any Complication

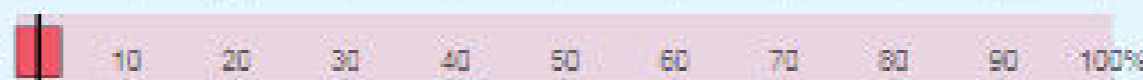


29.5%

19.9%

Above Average

Pneumonia



3.9%

2.0%

Above Average

Cardiac Complication



1.3%

0.4%

Above Average

Surgical Site Infection

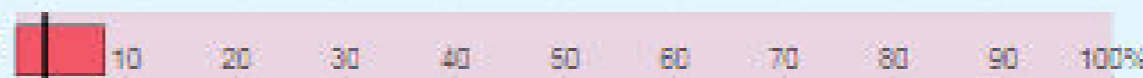


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2.7%

Average

Urinary Tract Infection

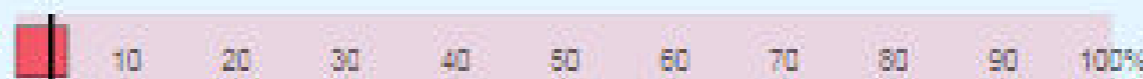


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Venous Thromboembolism

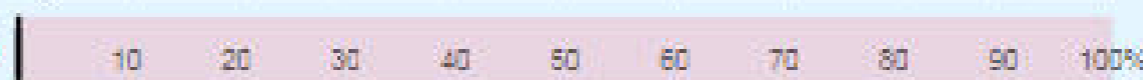


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Renal Failure



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Readmission

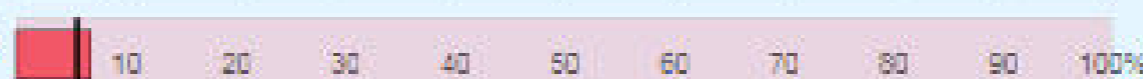


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7.7%

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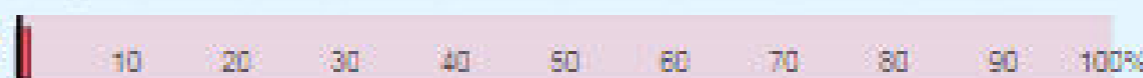


6.8%

5.6%

Above Average

Death

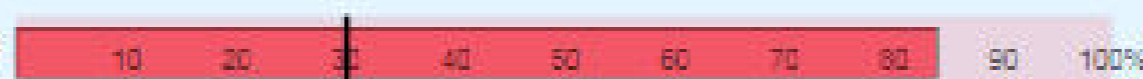


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Above Average

Discharge to Nursing or Rehab Facility



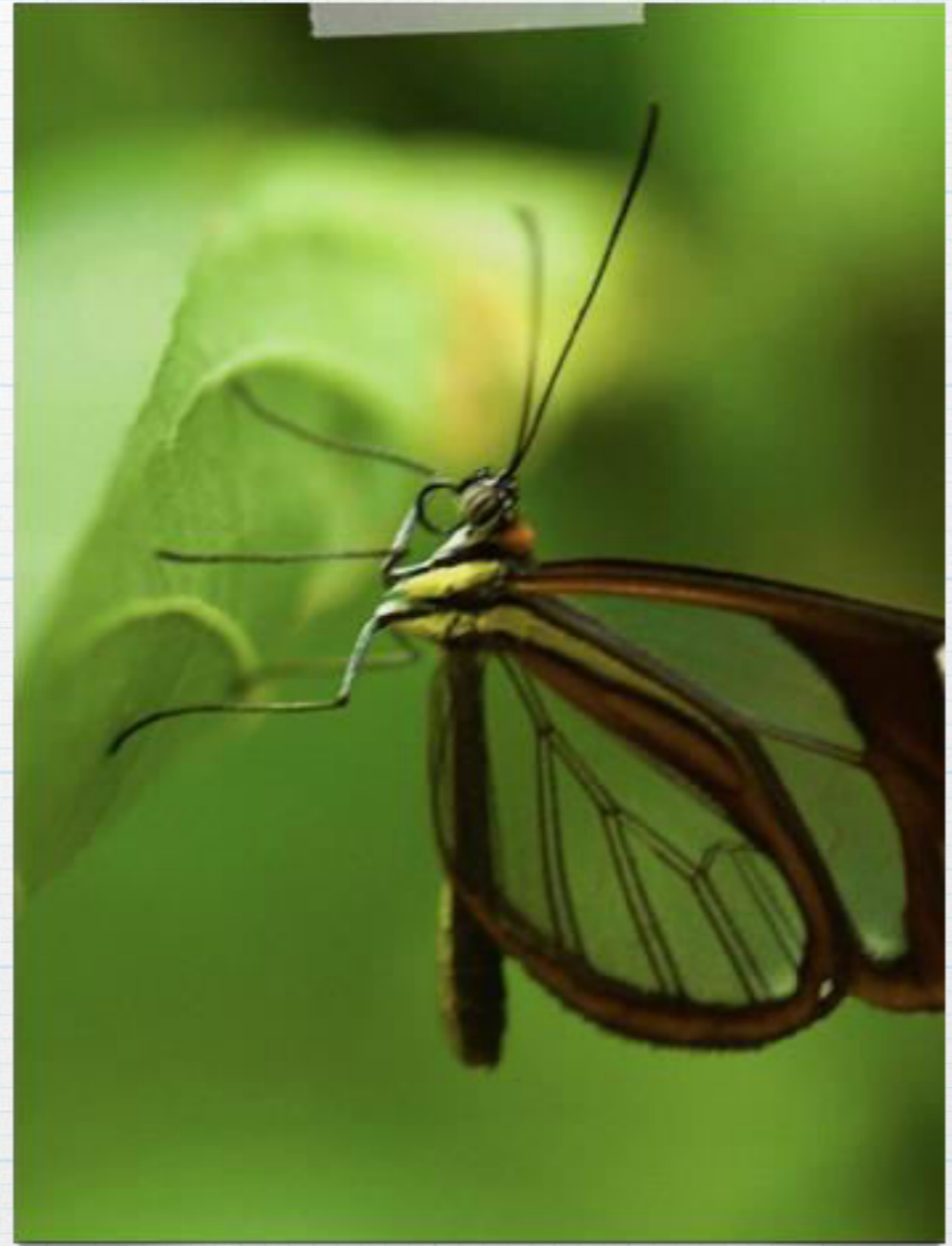
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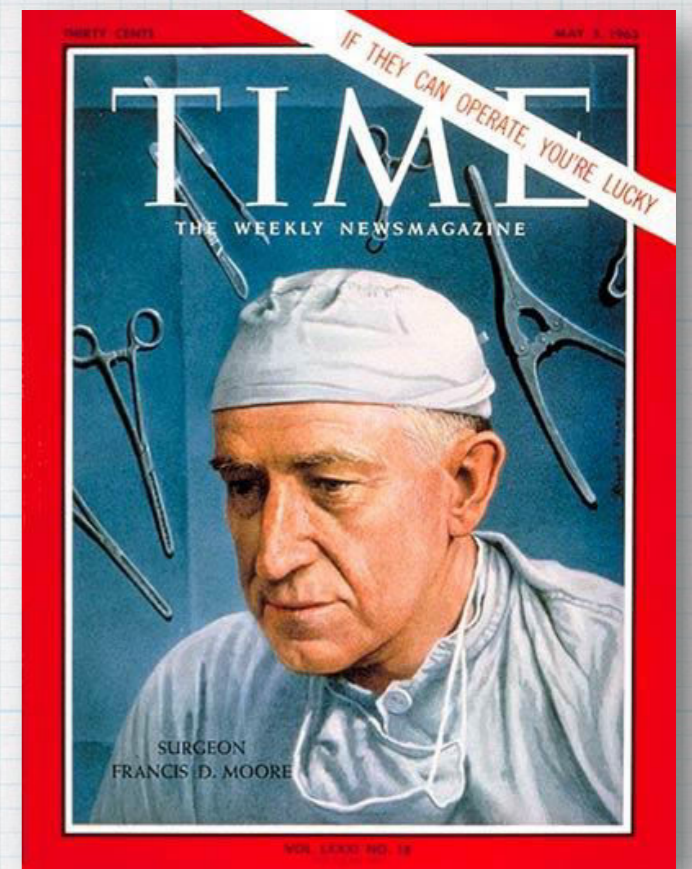
30.1%

Above Average

ASD: surgery related issues

- * How much should we correct?
- * Complications
- * Unplanned returns to theatre





Accountability for the results of care is the most fundamental requirement of a healthcare provider.

It may be impossible to avoid complications in spine surgery. We are accountable for how we manage our complications

Major Complications:

Adverse events that require return to the operating room or prolonged inpatient or outpatient care, or irreversible pathology directly related to surgery (life changing)

Ex: Infection, neural injury, pulmonary emboli, junctional pathology, symptomatic non-union, prolonged ICU stay, readmissions

Minor Complications:

Adverse events that do not require prolonged inpatient or outpatient care.

Ex: Dural tear, UTI, transient radiculopathy

An economic evaluation of perioperative adverse events associated with spinal surgery

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Grading adverse events by clinical impact.

I: No or Minimal Treatment Required

II: Treatment required with no expected sequelae at > 6mos

III: Treatment required with expected sequelae at >6 mos

IV: Death

ASD: societal issues

- * Economic impact
- * Longer and more active lives



When do you refer

- Unable to stand upright
- New 'forward gaze' issues
- Static or dynamic 'stoop'
- Loss of 'height'

