

Treatment of spinal deformities

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The most common spinal deformities

scoliosis



kyphosis



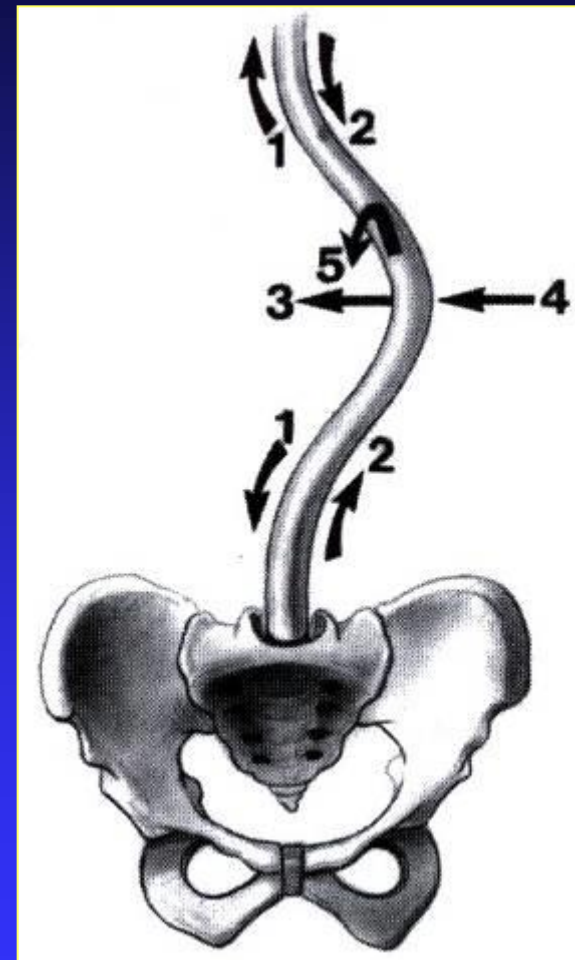
SCOLIOSIS

Scoliosis is three-dimensional deformity

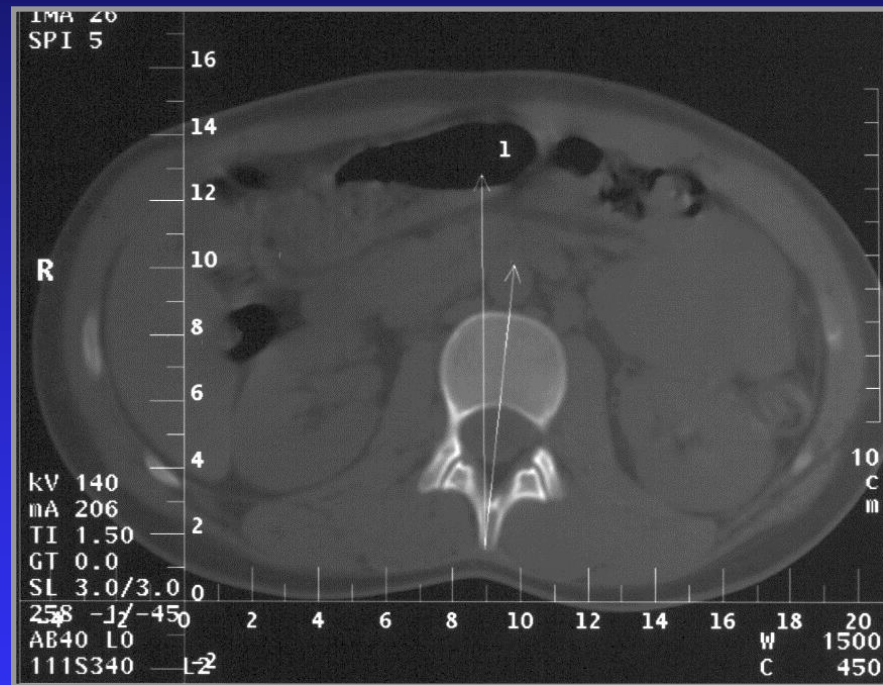
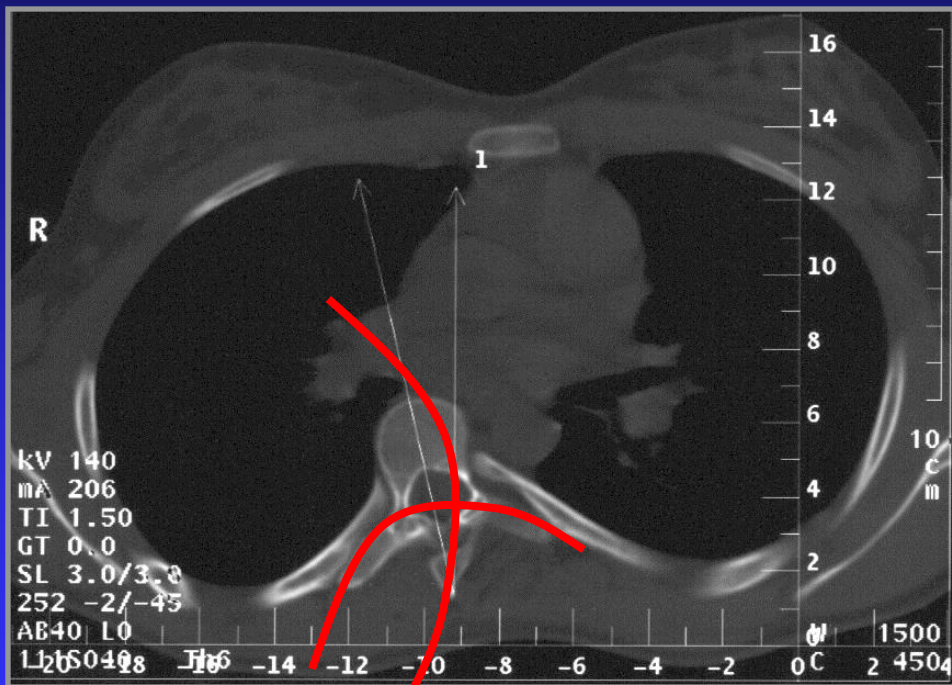
- in frontal plane - scoliosis
- in sagittal plane – hypo, hyperkyphosis
- in transversal plane – rotation, torsion



Scoliosis: 3-D deformity



Torsion



Elementary primary evaluation

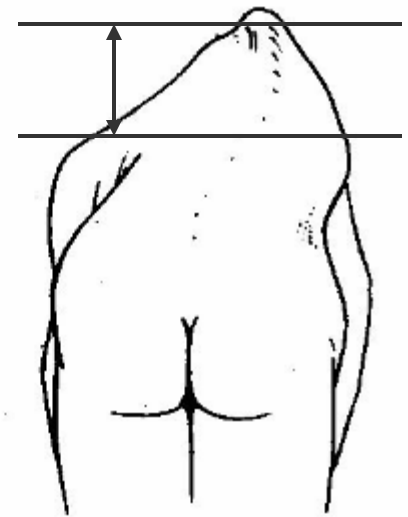
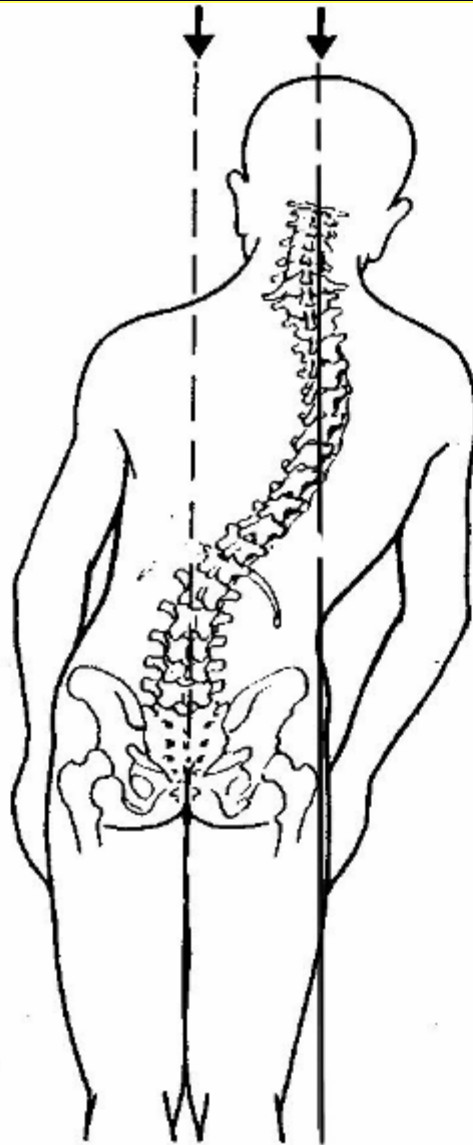
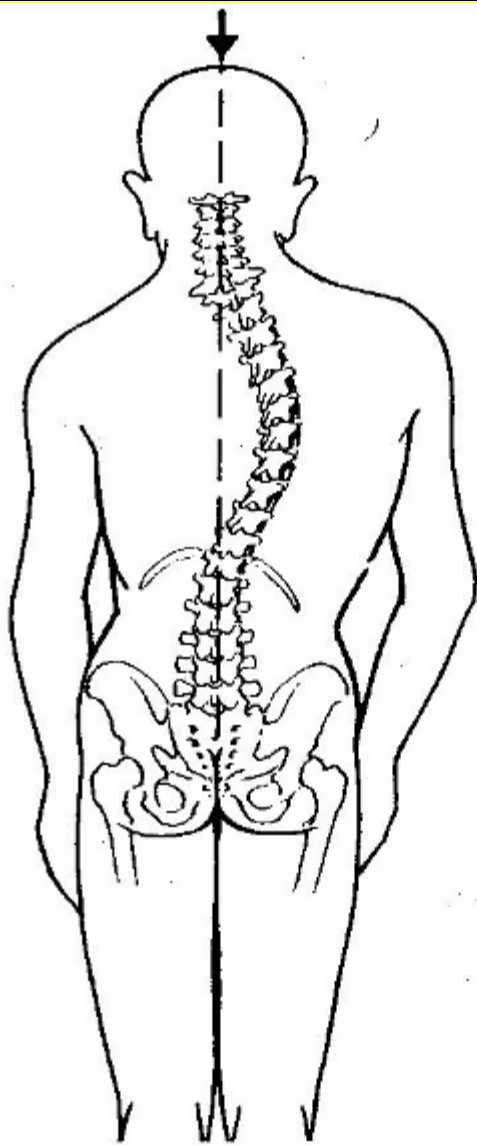
- anamnesis
- clinical examination
- X-ray evaluation
- treatment

Anamnesis

- familiar anamnesis
- complex health status
- development – sitting, standing, ...
- capture and present treatment

Clinical evaluation

- trunk compensation – plumb line
- shoulder height
- waist asymmetry
- pelvic balance
- curve flexibility in bending position
- prominence in bending forward
- others - laxicity, sexual development, skin pigmentation, length of lower extremities



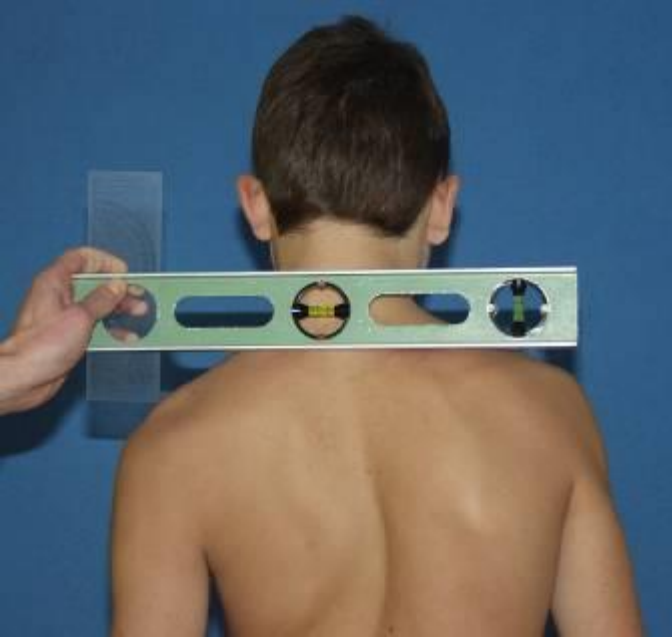
Dekompenzace skoliózy

Žební prominence (APVZ)

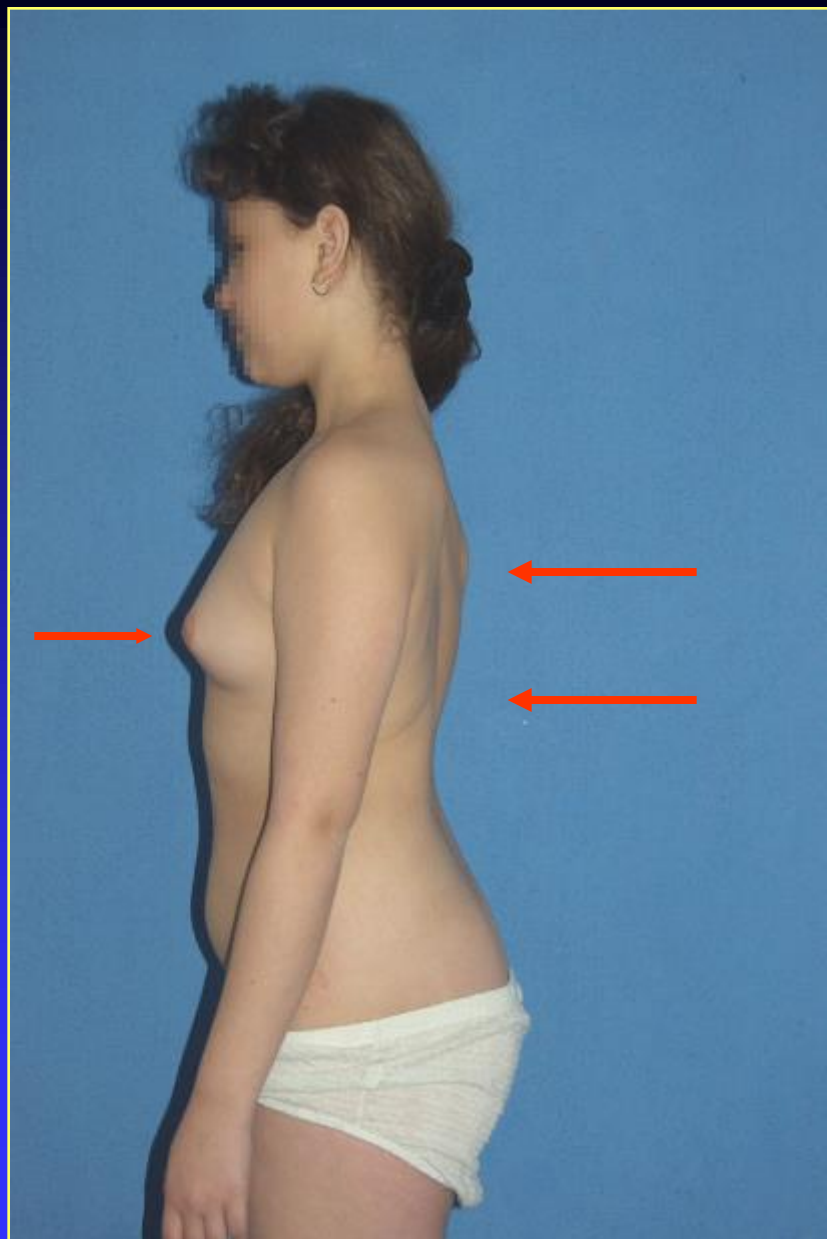


Measurement of trunk decompensation

Measurement of shoulder asymmetry

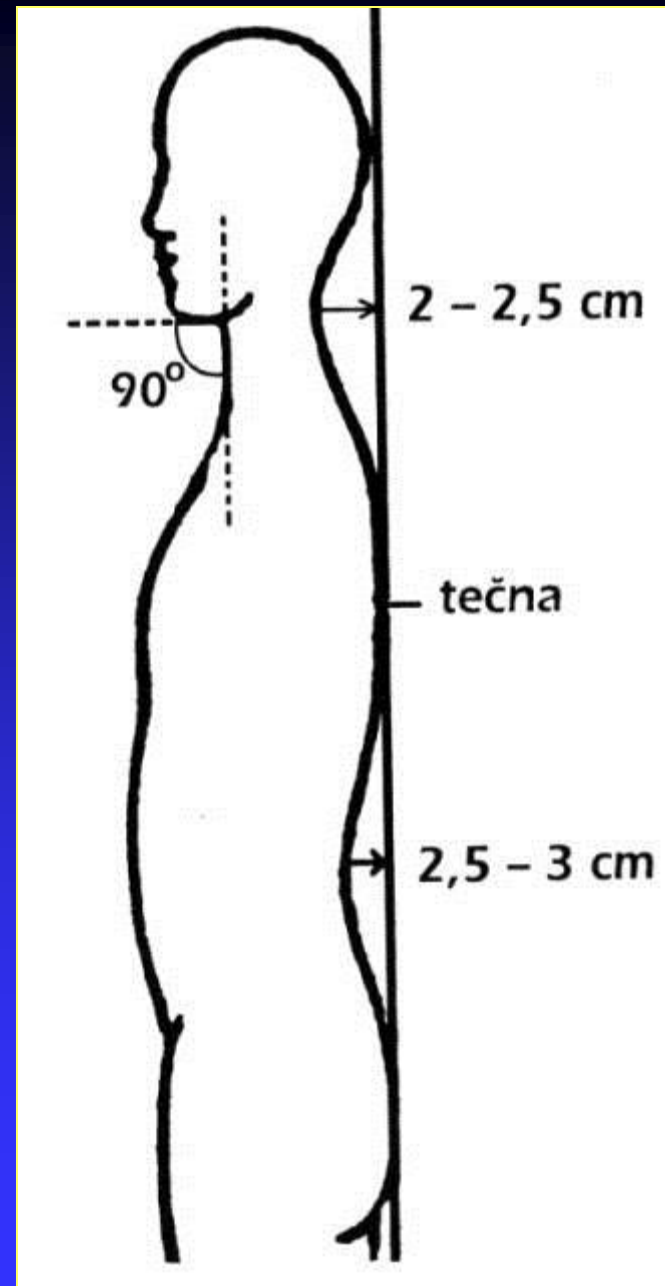


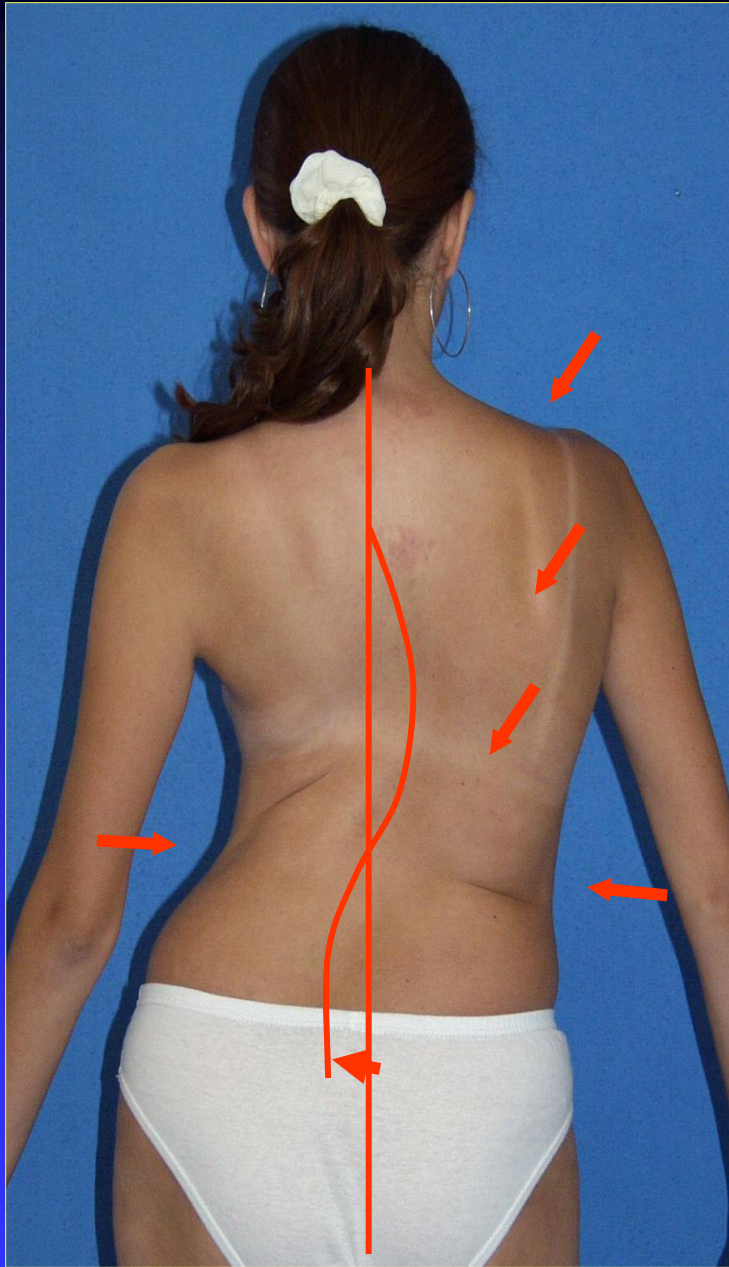
Measurement of paravertebral gibbus



Measurement of paravertebral gibbus

Sagittal balance





Shoulder height

Gibbus

Asymmetry of waist

Trunk decompensation

Neurofibromatosis „café au lait“

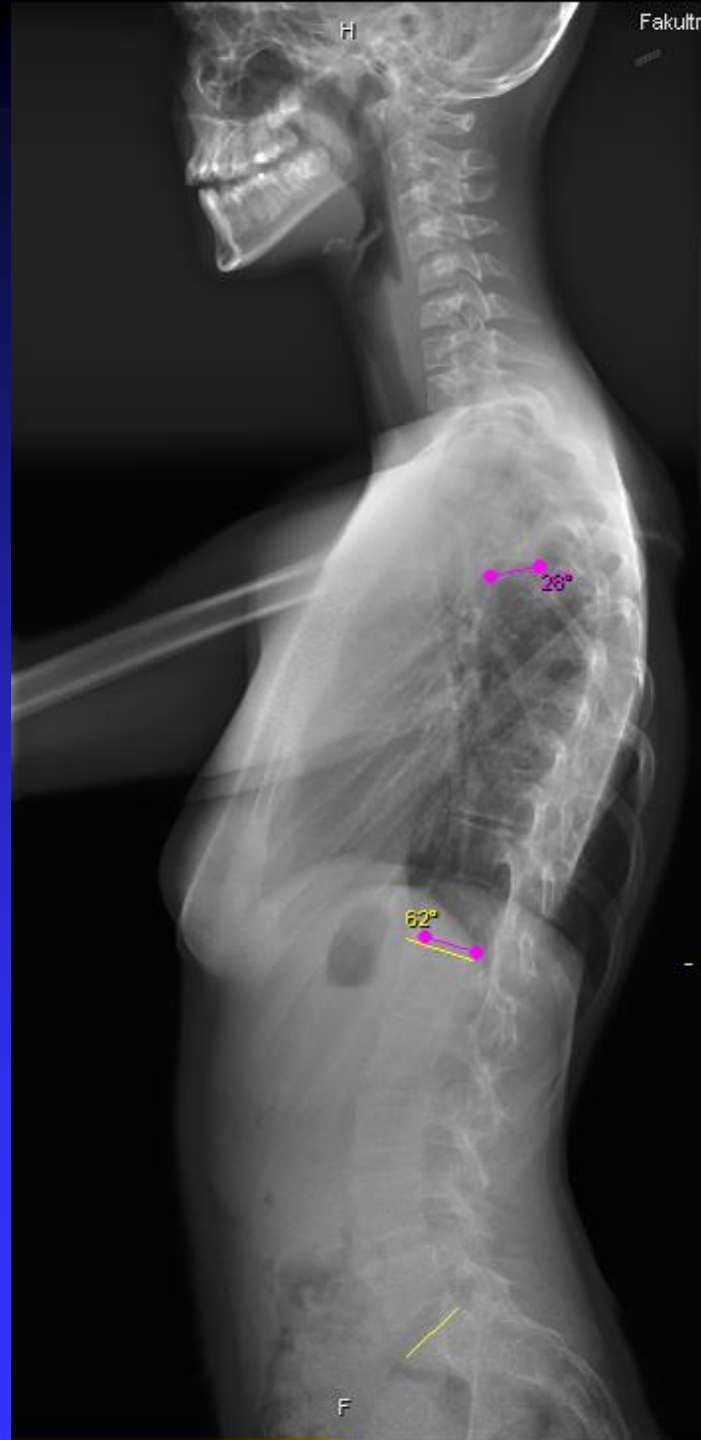
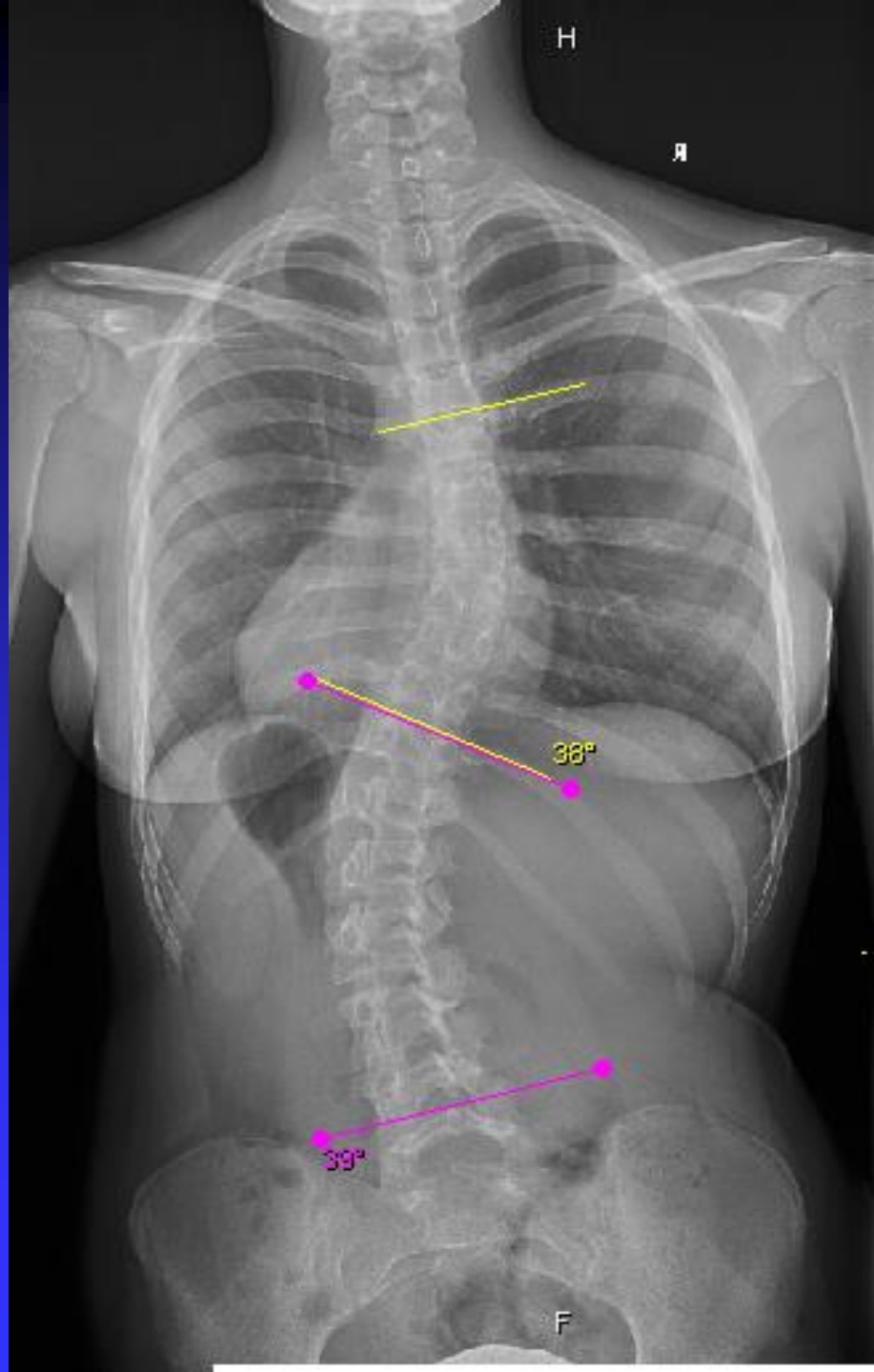


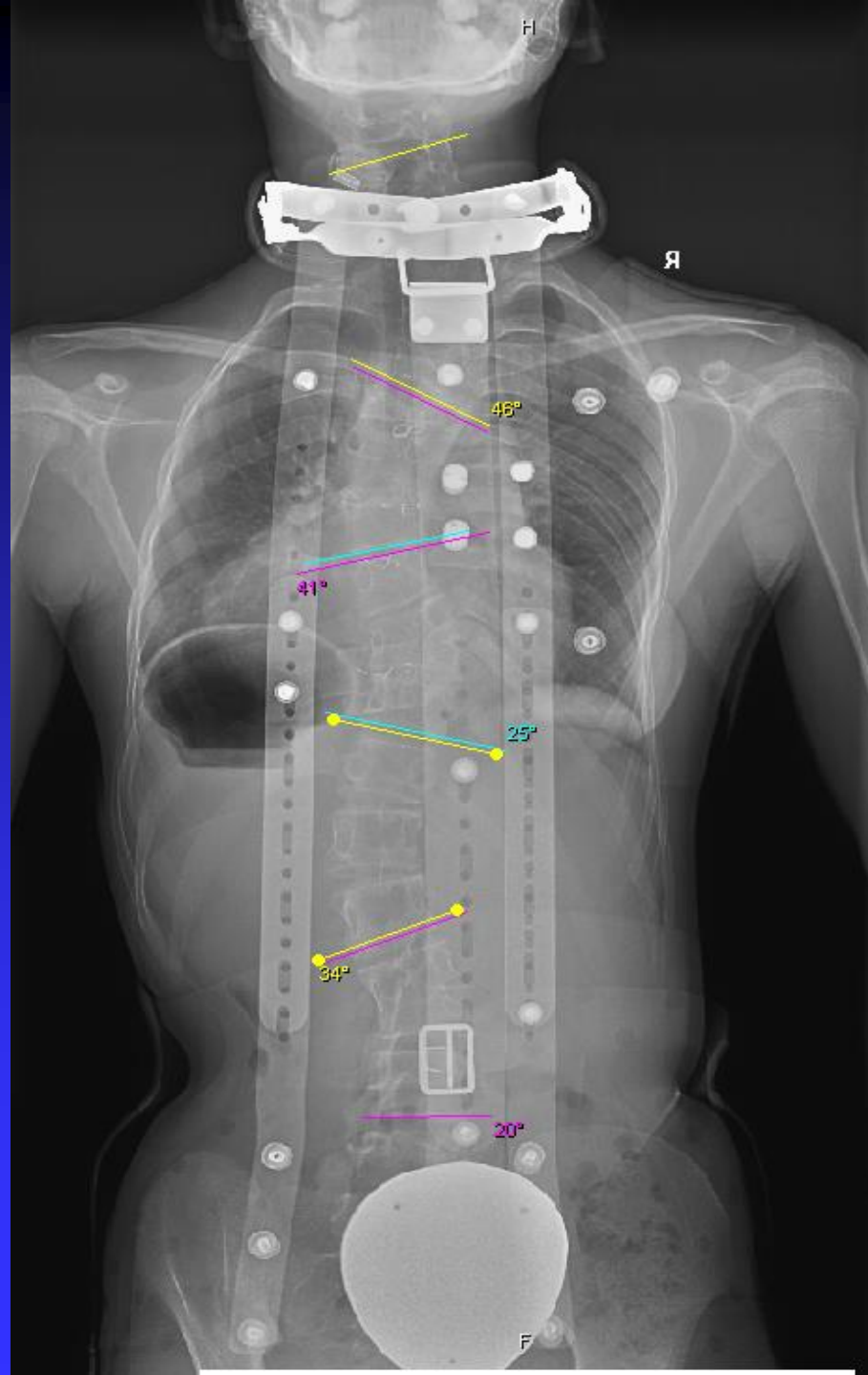
Radiological evaluation

- PA and lateral X-rays in standing position (35x90 cm)
- lateral bending X-rays and traction of 200 N
- Special projections: Fergusson a Stagnara
- wrist X-ray for bone age measurement (Greulich-Pyle 1959)
- CT for measurement of apex vertebra rotation

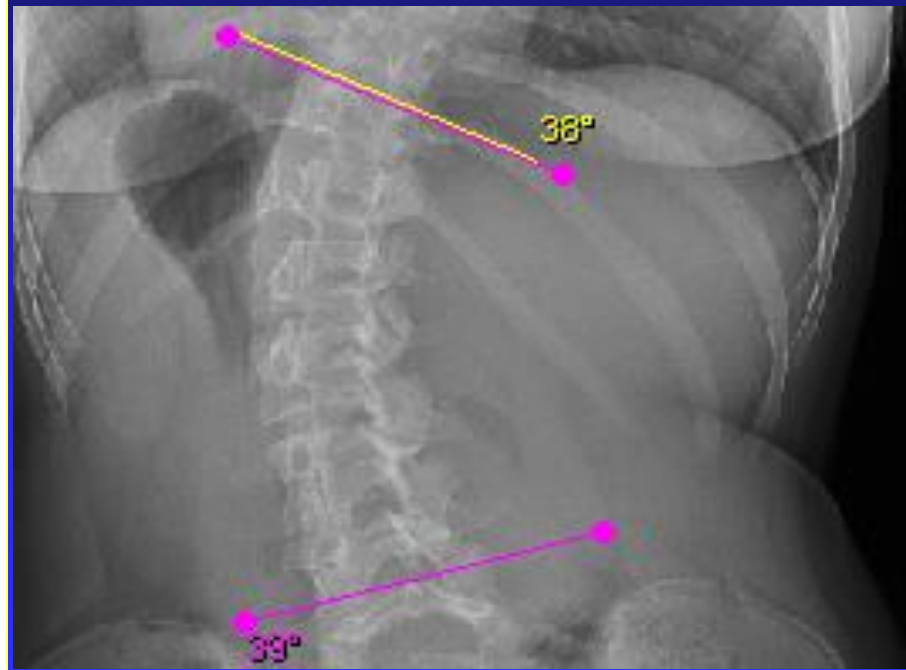
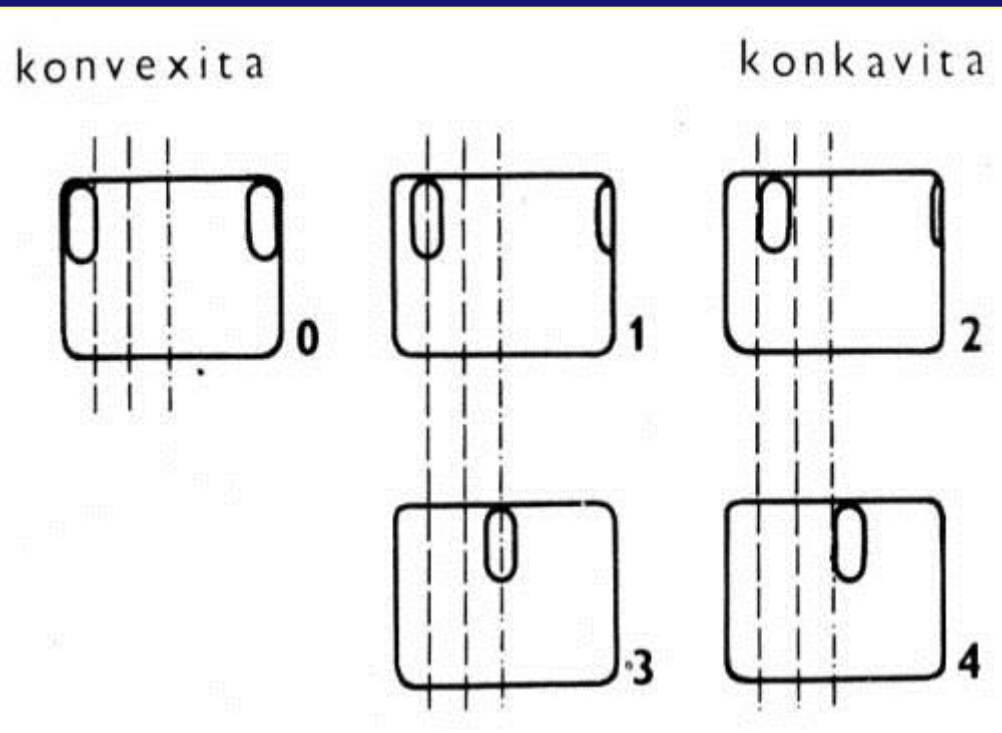
Radiological scoliotic measurement

- COBB – angle of scoliosis and sagittal balance
- MOE – evaluation of vertebral rotation
- RISSER sign – evaluation of bone age



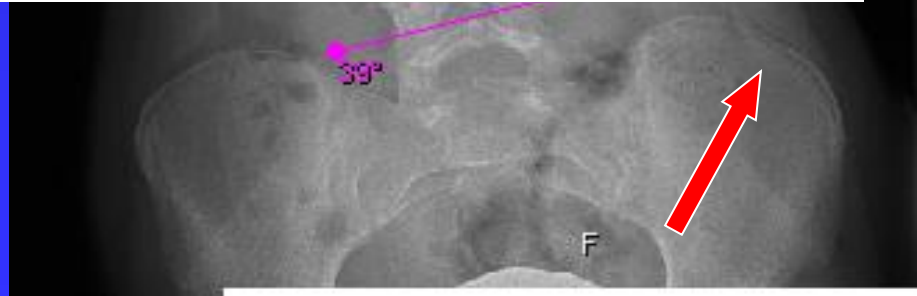
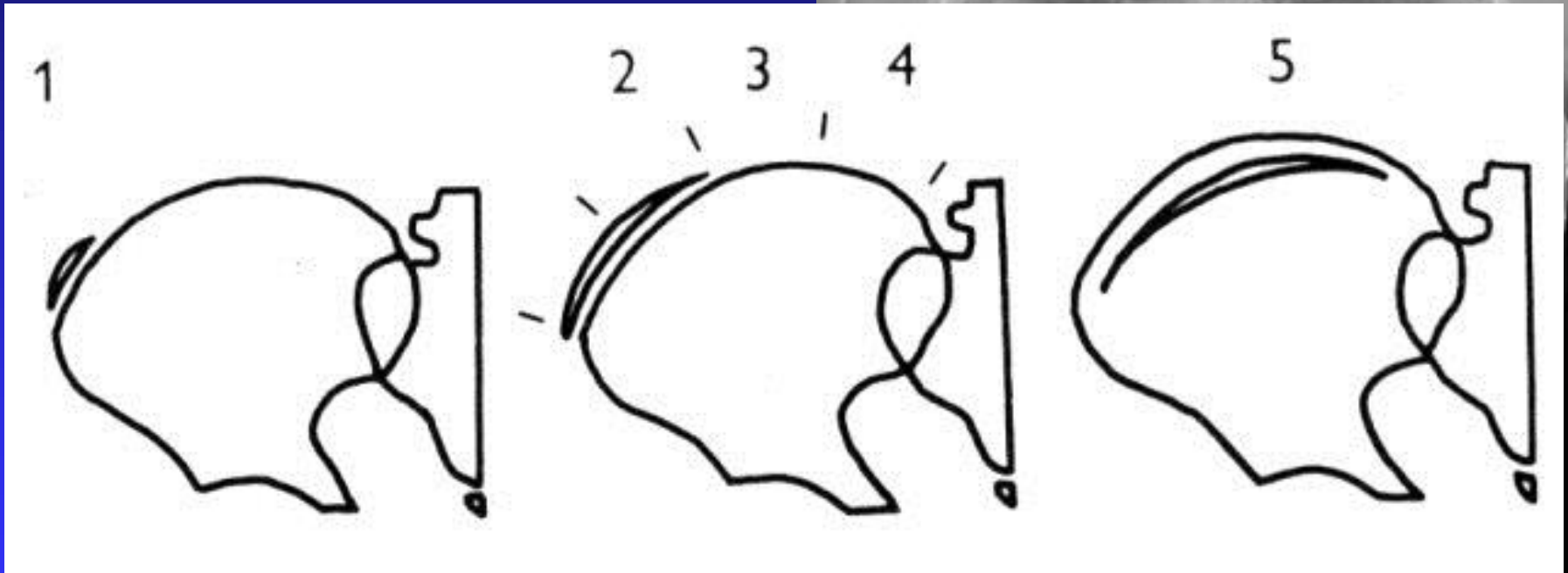
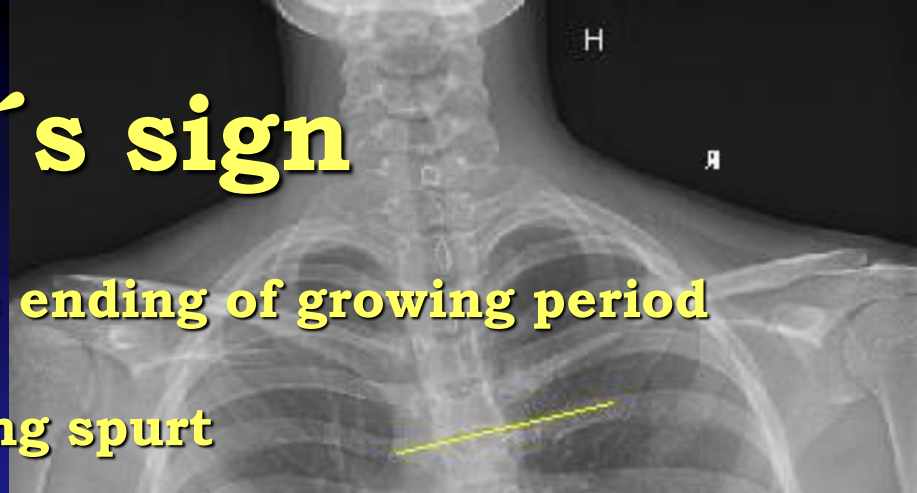


Rotation evaluation according to MOE

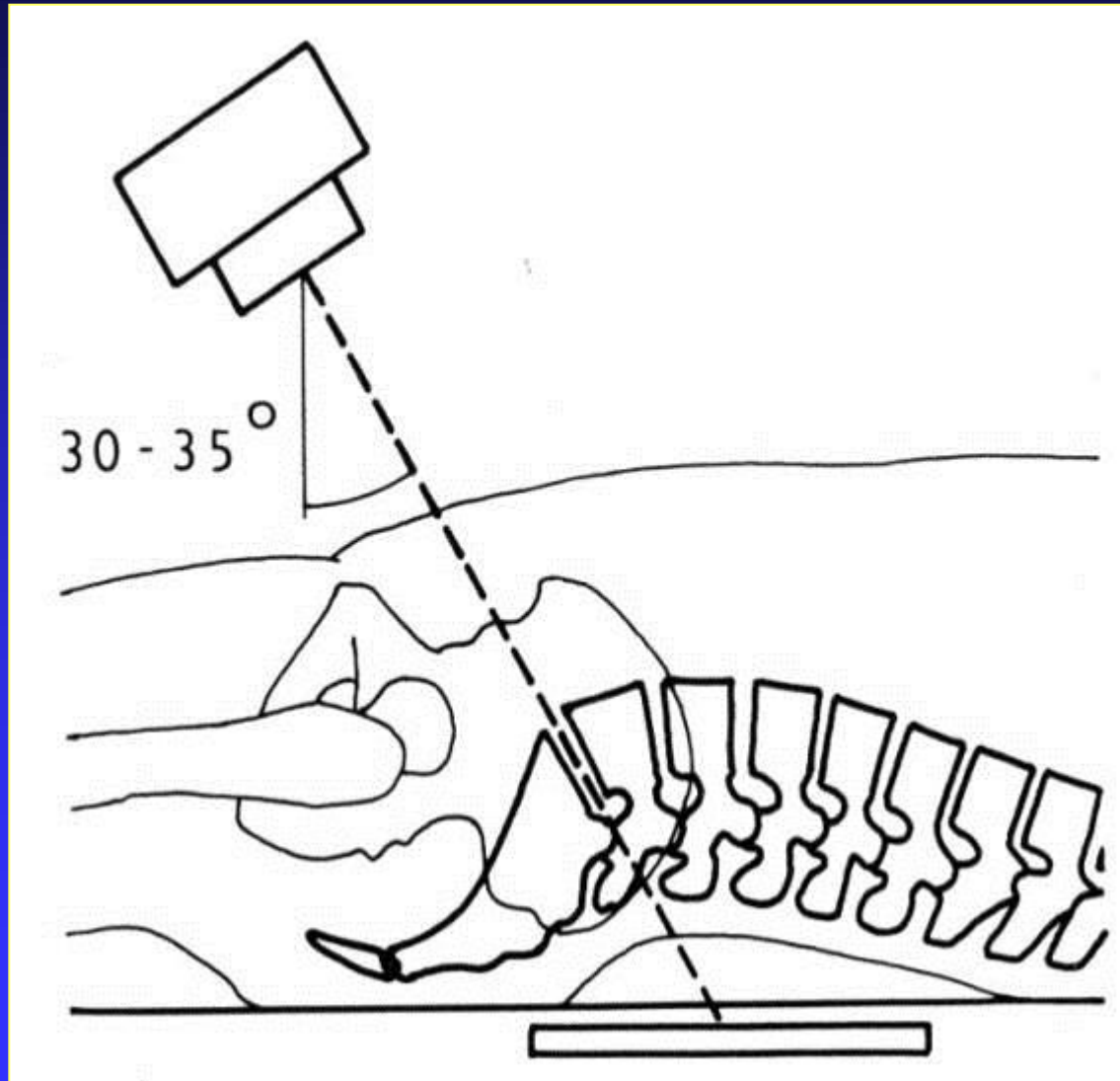


RISSEY's sign

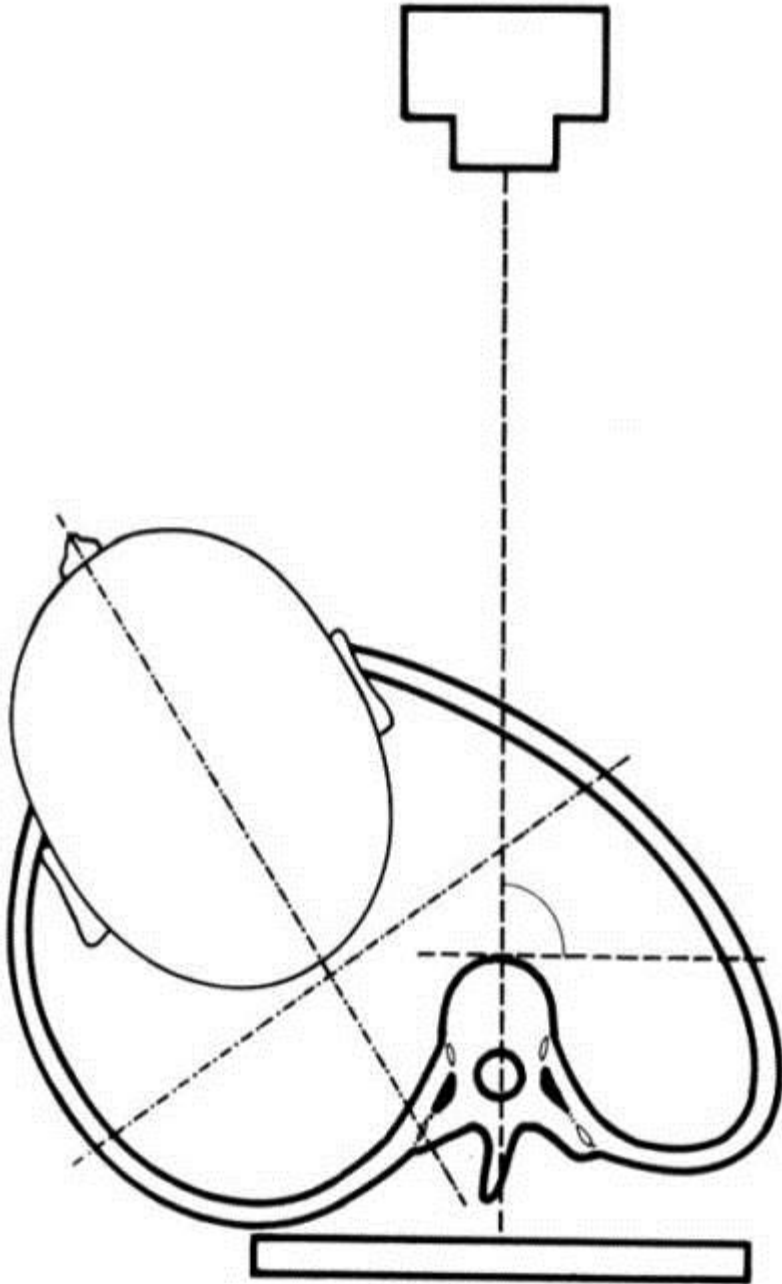
- **STADIUM 1** = 2 years before ending of growing period
- **STADIUM 3** = peak of growing spurt



FERGUSON's projection



STAGNARA projection



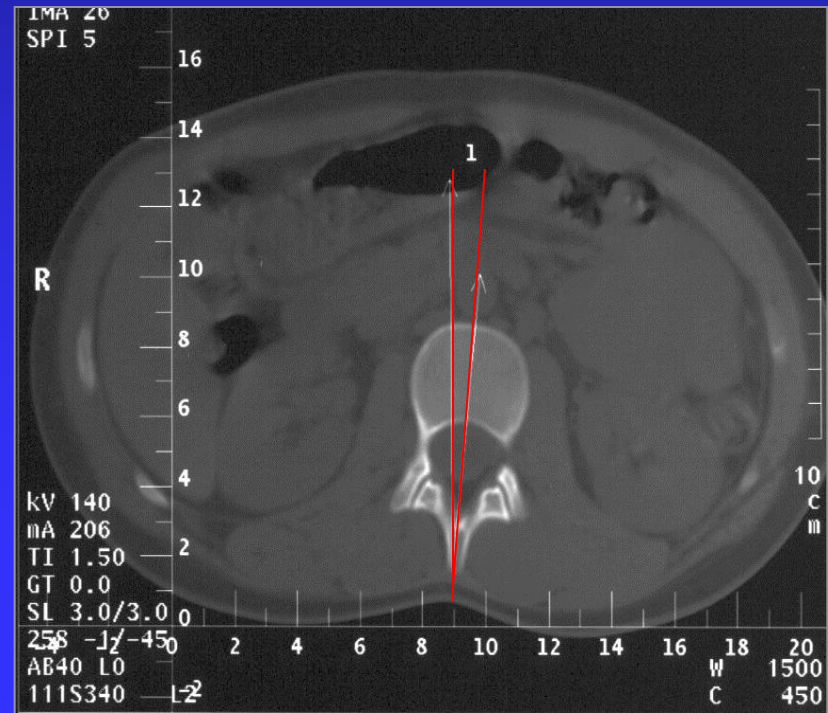
Rotation - vertebra evaluation

Th apical vertebra



double Th-L curves

L apical vertebra



Basic terms

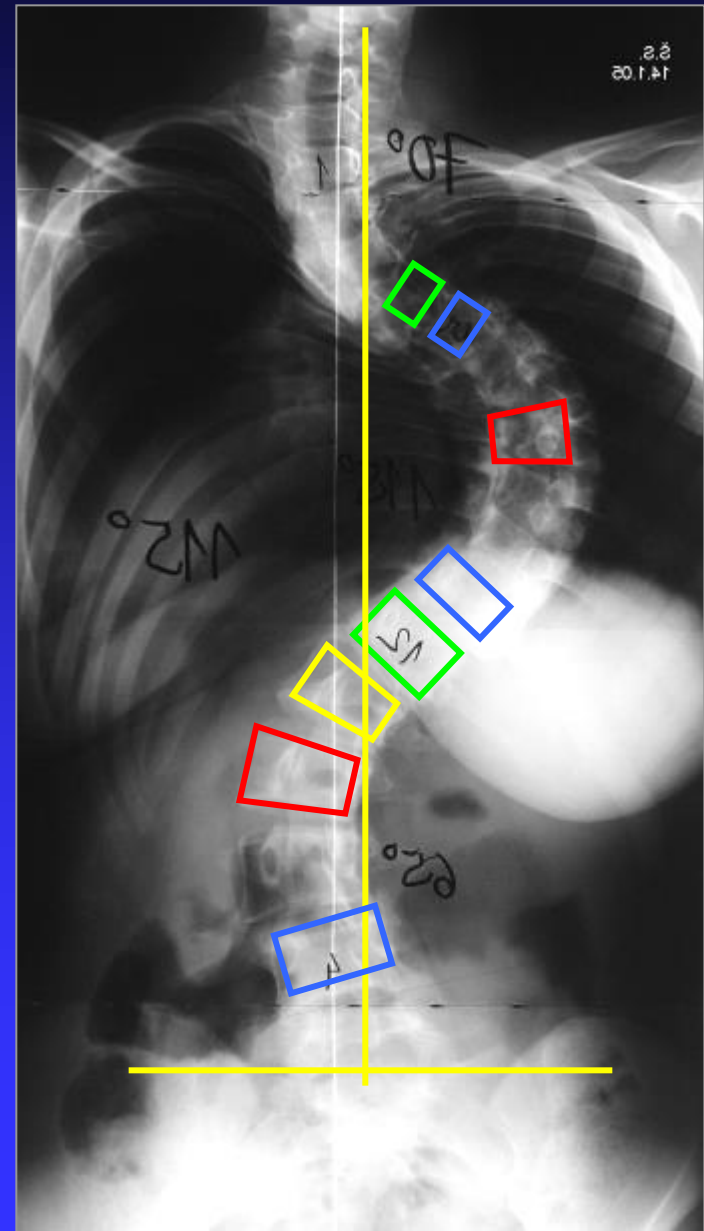
Apical vertebra

Ending vertebra

Neutral vertebra

CSVL

Stable vertebra



Characteristics of the curves

Structural

Non-structural

Curves terminology

(according to Cobb angle)

Main (weighty rotation)

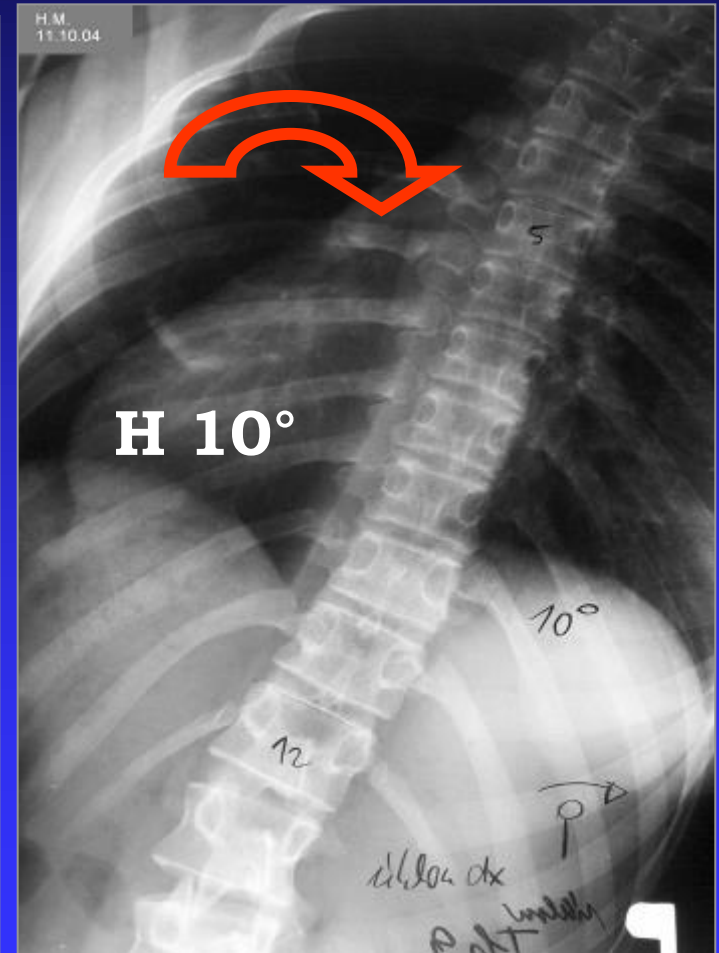
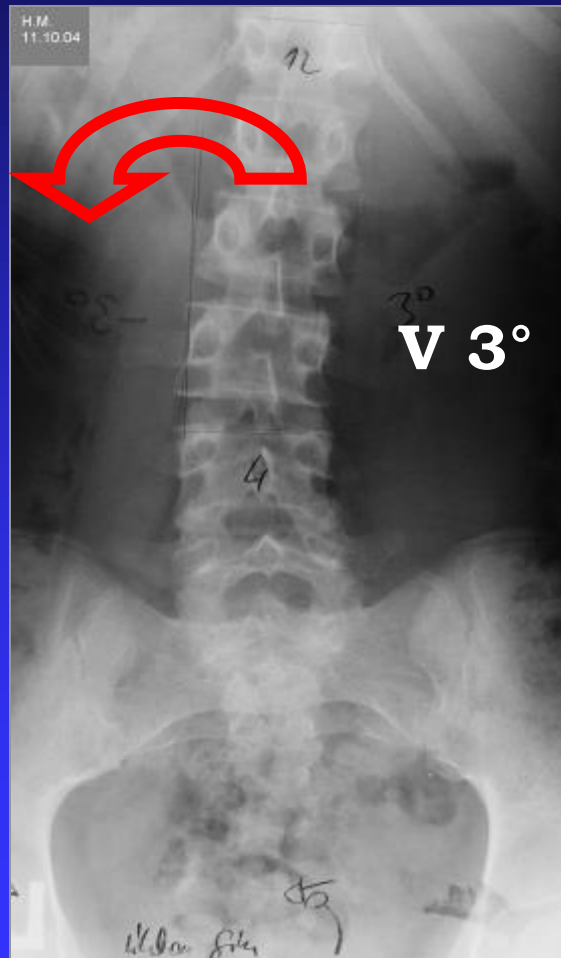
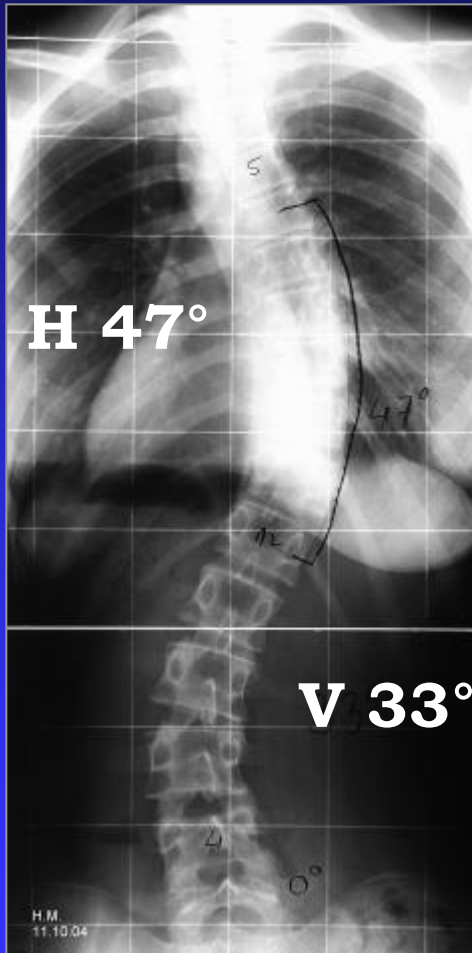
Adjacent (compensatory)

Curve structurality

- **Main – structural**
- **Adjacent – structural, non-structural**

Curve structurality of adjacent curve is important to decide the fusion of adjacent curve in surgical treatment of AIS

Non-structural curve

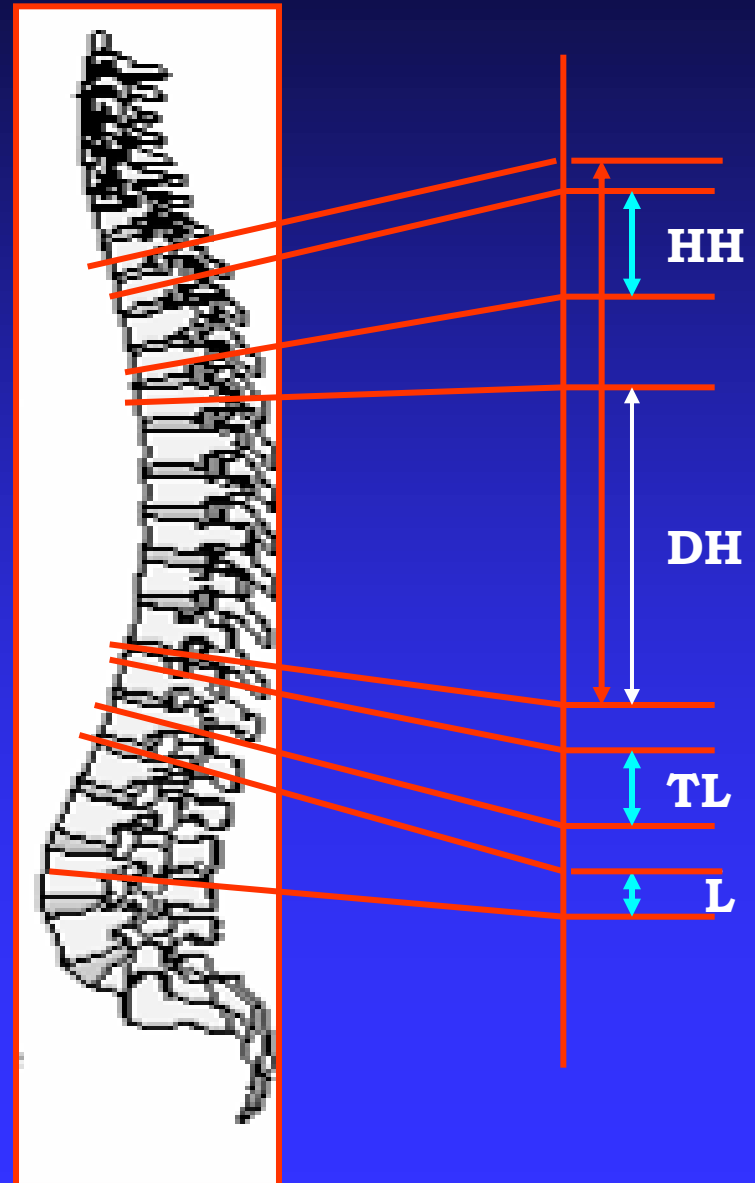


Classification

- Orientation – right or left convexity
- Localisation – C,CT,T,TL,L,LS
- Gravity of curves – according to Cobb angles
- Etiology

Localisation of the curve according to position of the apical vertebra

- **Thoracic:** T2- disc T11/12
 Upper Th T3 – T5
 Lower Th T6 – disc T11/12
- **Thoracolumbar:** T12-L1
- **Lumbar:** disc L1/2-L4

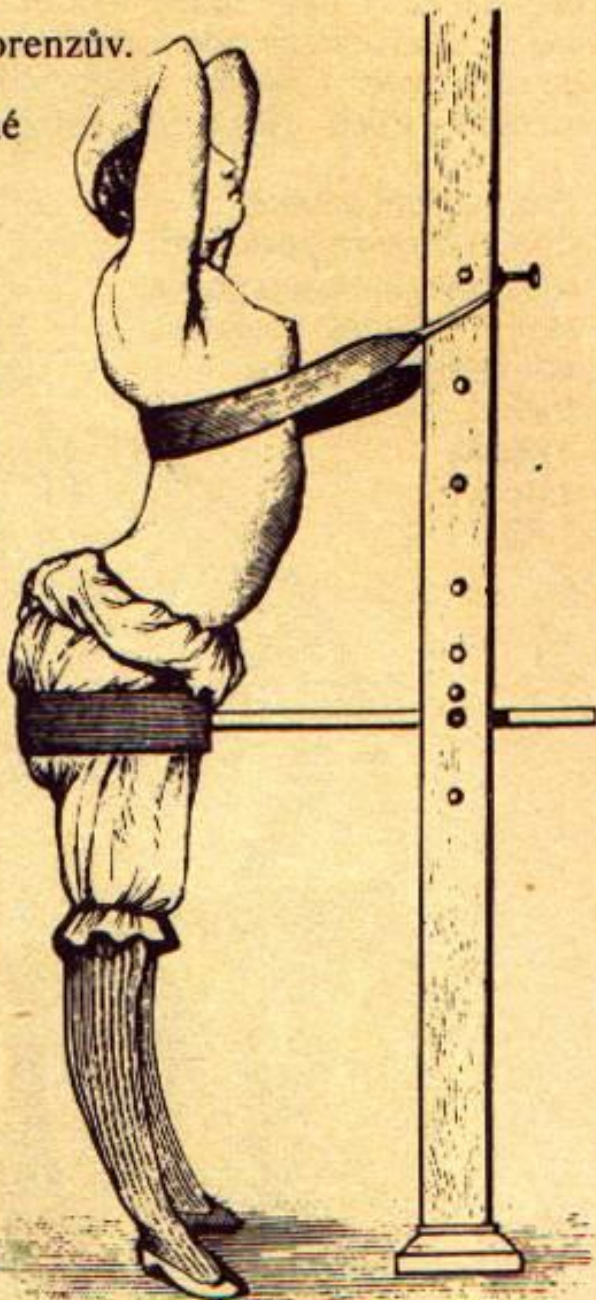


Scoliosis – ethiopathogenetic classification

- Congenital
- Idiopathic.....4/5 80%
 - ◆ infantile
 - ◆ iuvenile
 - ◆ adolescent
- Neuromuscular
 - ◆ neuropatic
 - ◆ myopatic
- Neurofibromatosis
- Secondary
 - ◆ Postural
 - ◆ Tumours
 - ◆ Other syndromas (Marfan, Ehlers-Danlos.....)
- Hysteric
- Degenerative

Apparát Lorenzův.

Uprostřed
vyčalouněné
železo,
nahore
volný
kožený
řemen,
přes který
se pacient
prohýbá.
Ruce
za hlavou
zvyšují
účinek
cvičení,
kterými se
rovná
pateř.



IDIOPATHIC SCOLIOSIS

- **Unknown etiology, multifactorial**
- **Genetic predispositions**
- **8 times more frequent in girls**

Idiopathic scoliosis

- **Infantile**

- ◆ < 3 years, neonatorum, mostly spontaneous regression, but some times with serious progression

- **Juvenile**

- ◆ Age of 3 y. – puberty start (10 y.)

- **Adolescent**

- ◆ From puberty start (10 -12 y.) – up to puberty end

Classification according to the curve gravity

Up to 10 ° -observation

11-20 ° -physiotherapy,
observation

20-40° -physiotherapy, bracing

More than 40 ° -surgical treatment

Conservative therapy

Physiotherapy

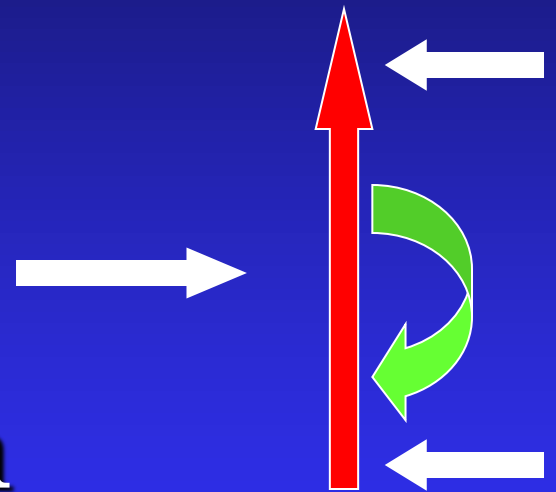
Brace

Brace characteristics:

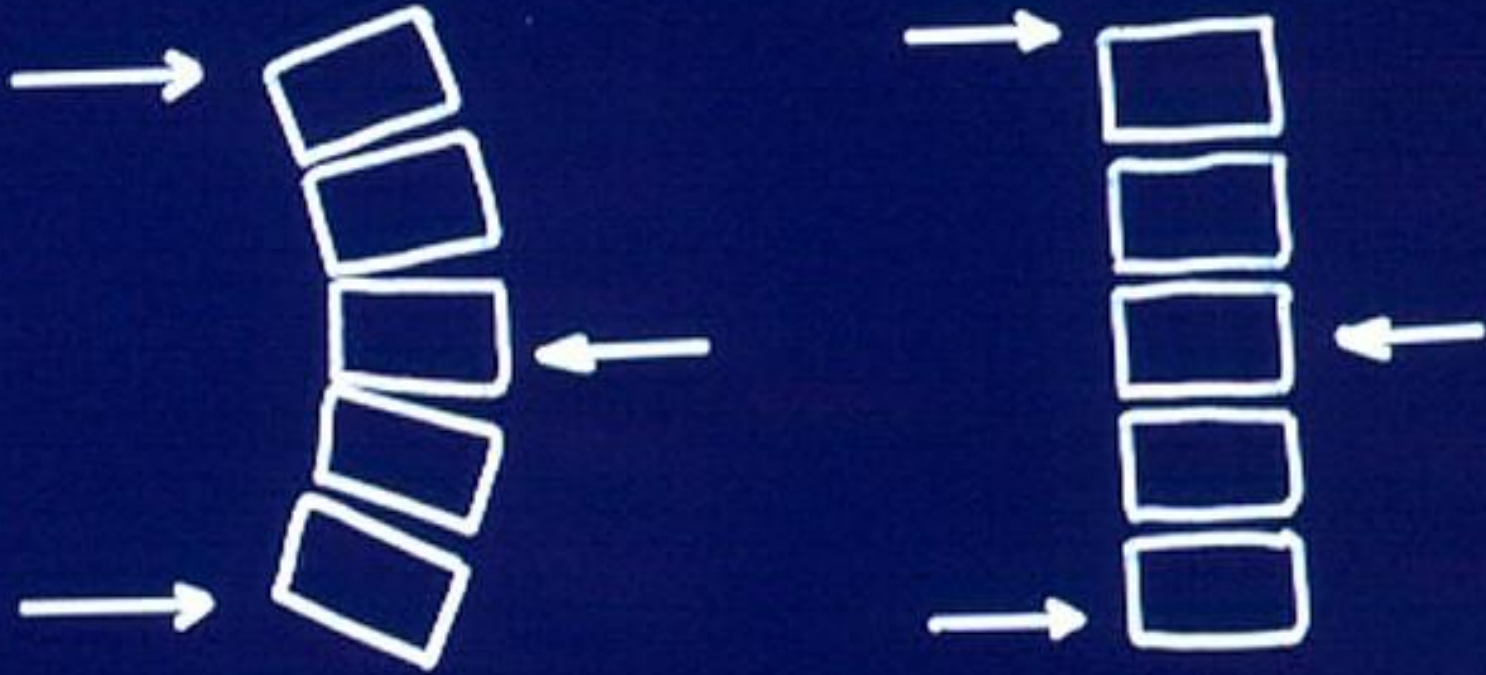
- maximally effective
- active and pasive curve correction
- lite
- easily slip-over
- without chest compression

Effective forces:

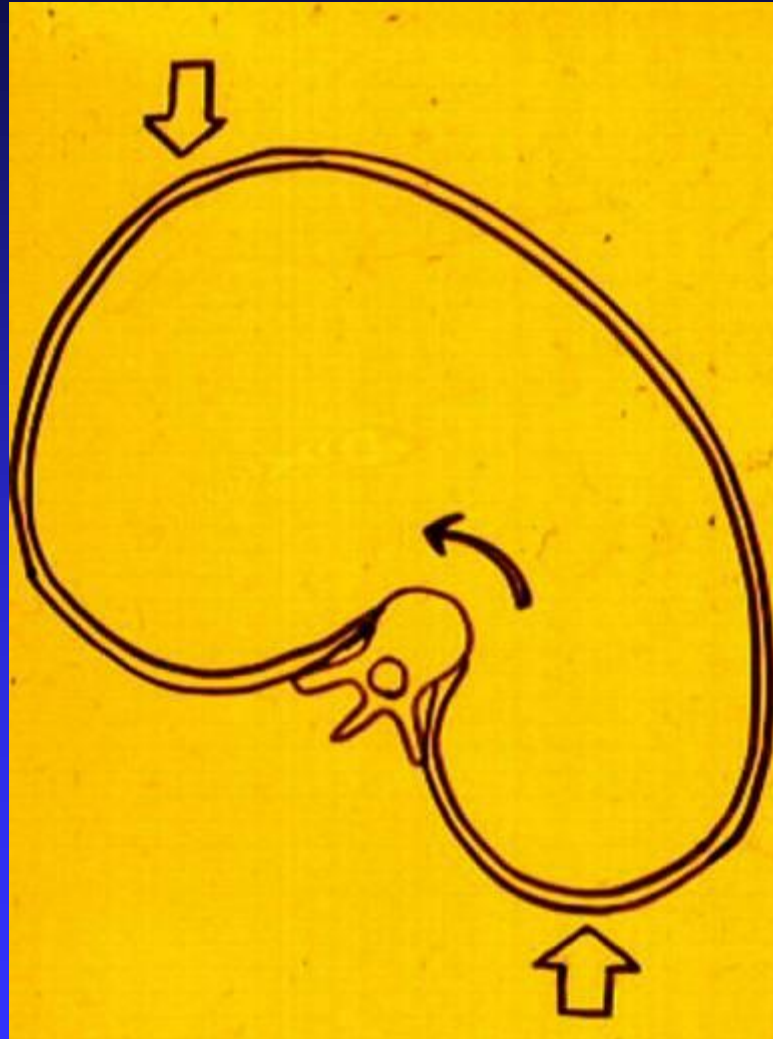
- distraction
- derotation
- three-point system



Three-point principle



Derotation













Physiotherapy in brace

- body posture
- muscle strengthening



Body posture

wrong



good





strengthening





- without brace

- swimming

- hippotherapy

- exercises according to Vojta

- (limited effect) and Schrott



- Breathing – *deep breathing*
 - *special bottles*
 - *derotation breathing*

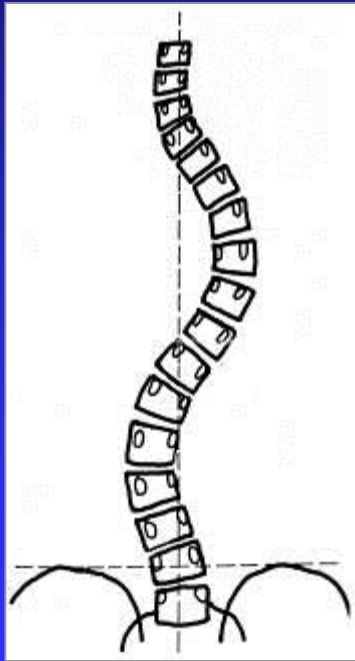


Surgical therapy

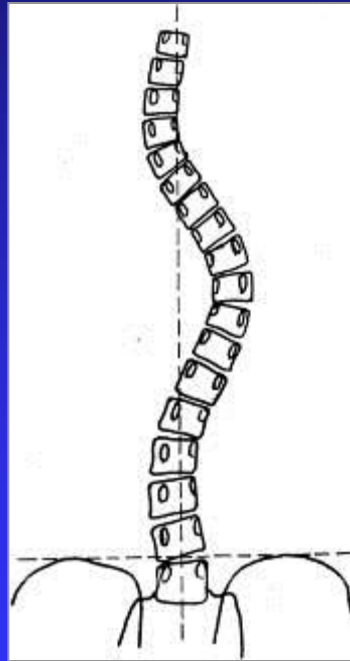
King classification



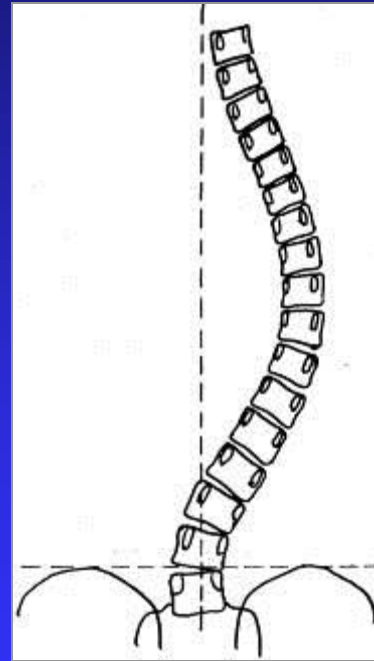
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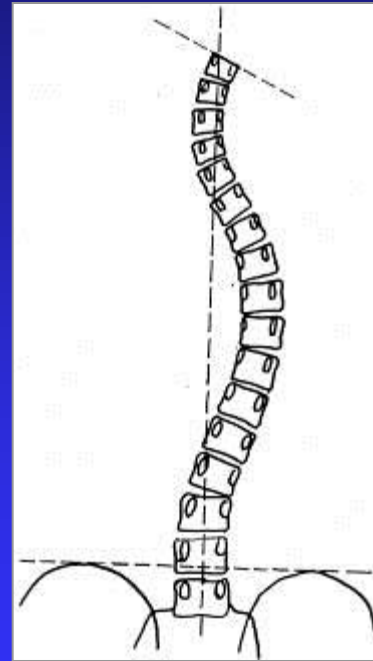
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III



IV



V

Lenke classification

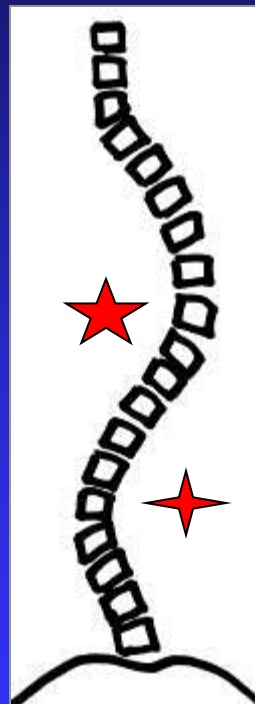
basic types



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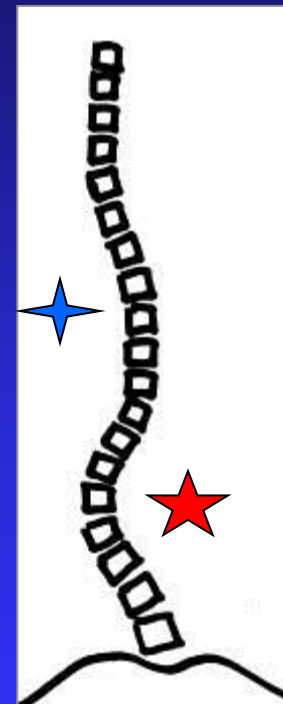
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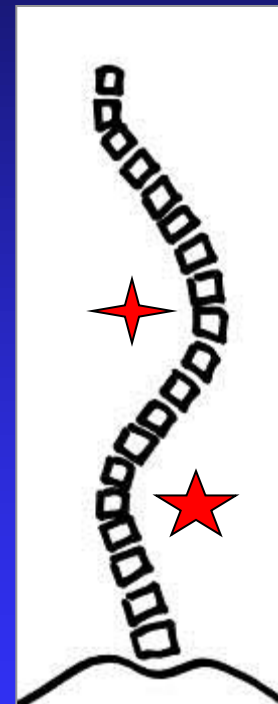
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Main


















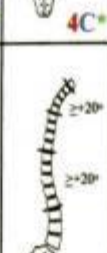


V struct.



V non-struct.

Lenke classification

<u>Lumbar Spine Modifier</u>	<u>Curve Type (1 - 6)</u>					
	Type 1 (Main Thoracic)	Type 2 (Double Thoracic)	Type 3 (Double Major)	Type 4 (Triple Major)	Type 5 (TL/L)	Type 6 (TL/L - MT)
A (No to Minimal Curve)	 1A*	 2A*	 3A*	 4A*		
B (Moderate Curve)	 1B*	 2B*	 3B*	 4B*		
C (Large Curve)	 1C*	 2C*	 3C*	 4C*	 5C*	 6C*
Possible Sagittal structural criteria (To determine specific curve type)	 Normal	 PT Kyphosis	 TL Kyphosis	 PT + TL Kyphosis		

- : <10°

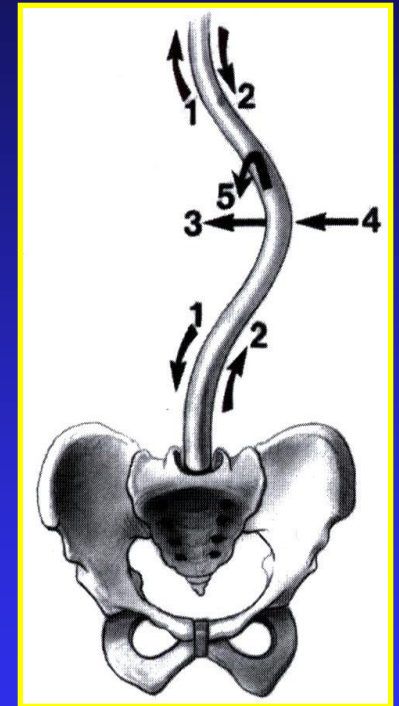
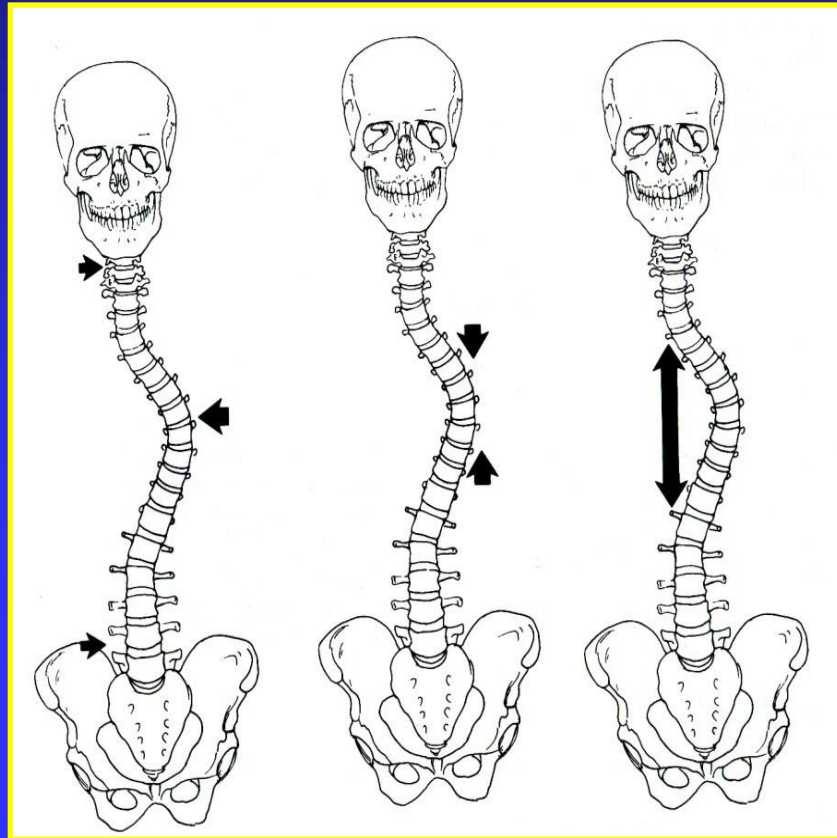
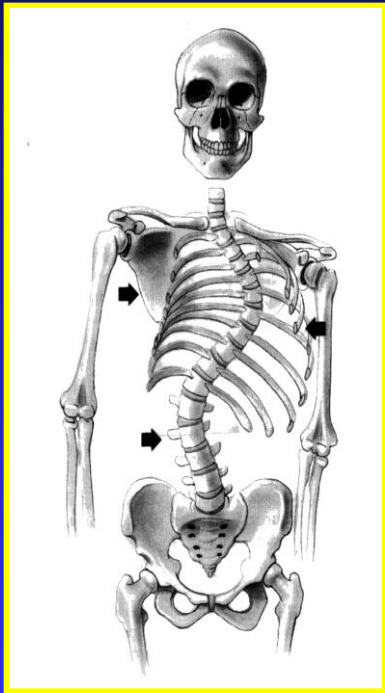
* T5-12 sagittal alignment modifier: -, N, or + N : 10-40°

+ : >40°

Therapeutic planning

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|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 1.Observation | up to 20° |
| 2.Conservative treatment | 20-40° |
| 3.Surgical treatment | over 40° |

Methods of correction

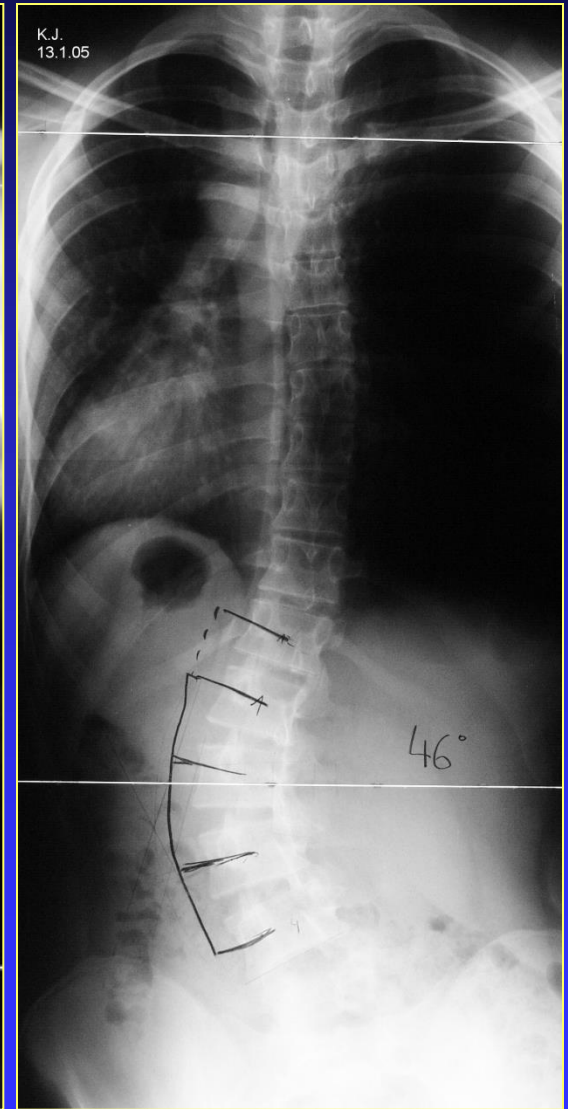
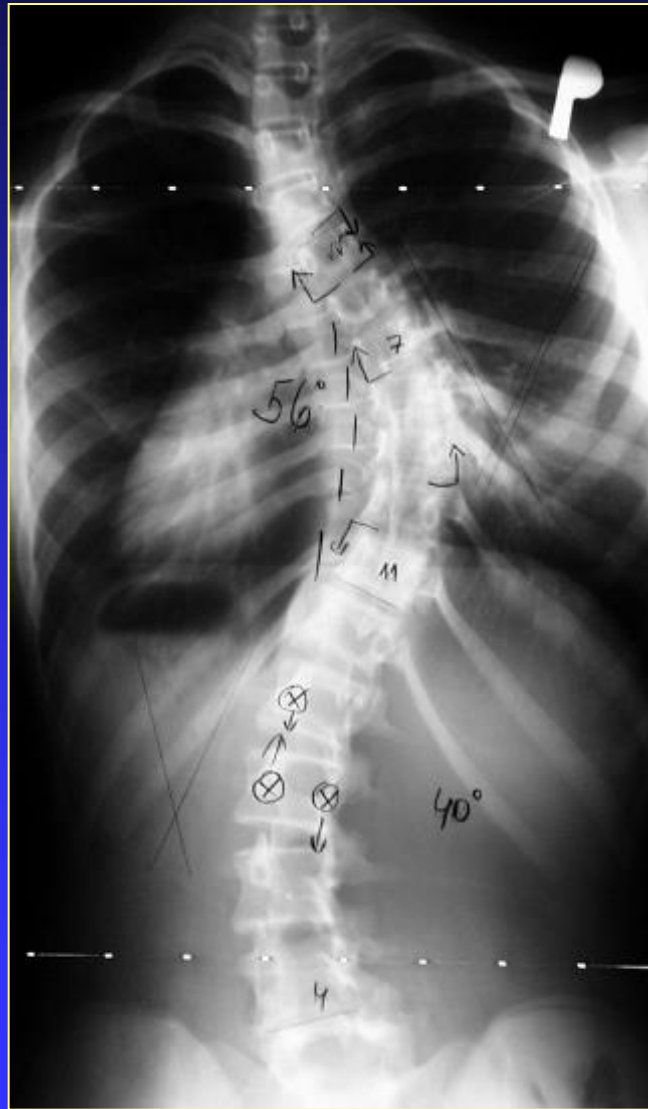


Adolescent scoliosis

Definitive treatment

- Segmental deliberation (posterior, anterior)
- Deformity correction
- Curve instrumentation
- Stabilisation
- Fusion

Preoperative planning



Preoperative planning

- Posterior approach
- Anterior approach
- Combined approach
 - ◆ One-session
 - ◆ Two-sessions

Posterior approach

- One or two curves stabilisation
- Hyperkyphosis
- Neuromuscular curves

Anterior approach

- Stabilisation of one curve only

Extent of instrumentation

- **Posterior approach**
 - ◆ **Neutral – neutral vertebra**

- **Anterior approach – saving 1-3 segments**
 - ◆ **Ending - ending vertebra**

Types of surgery

- **Posterior approach**

- spine only

- spine and pelvis instrumentation

- **Anterior approach**

- transthoracic

- transthoracoretroperitoneal

- retroperitoneal

- thoracoscopic

- **Combine approach**

- anterior release + posterior instrumentation

- anterior + posterior instrumentation

Indication for posterior approach

According to Lenke Classification

➤ Posterior approach

- Rigid curves
- Double curves
- Long curves
- Severe curves
- Curves with hyperkyphosis

➤ Anterior approach

- Simple thoracic curves
- Thoracolumbar curves
- Flexible curves
- Curves with hypokyphosis

POSTERIOR APPROACH

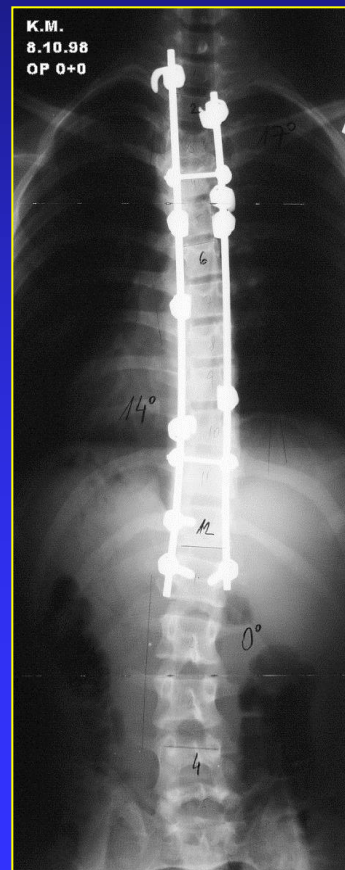
Types of instrumentation

- **distractive**
-Harrington



- **segmental**

- SSE Evolution
- USS
- Miami-Moss
- ISOLA

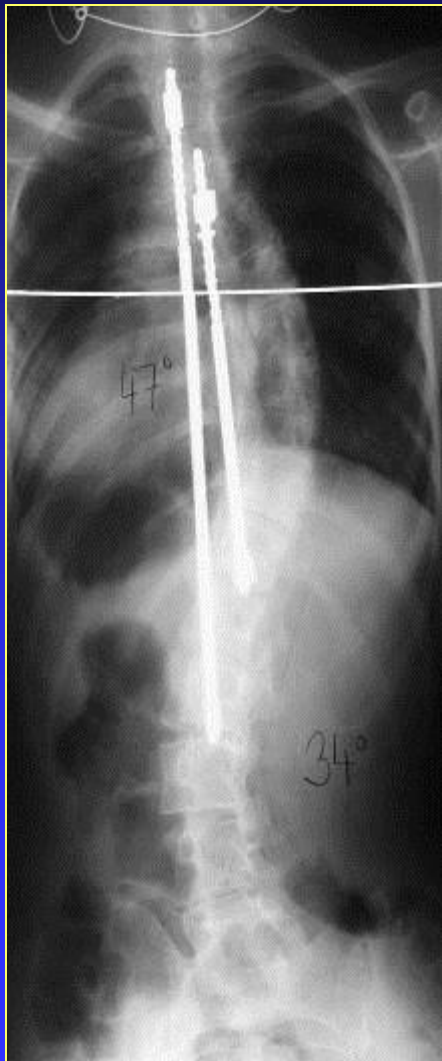


HRI

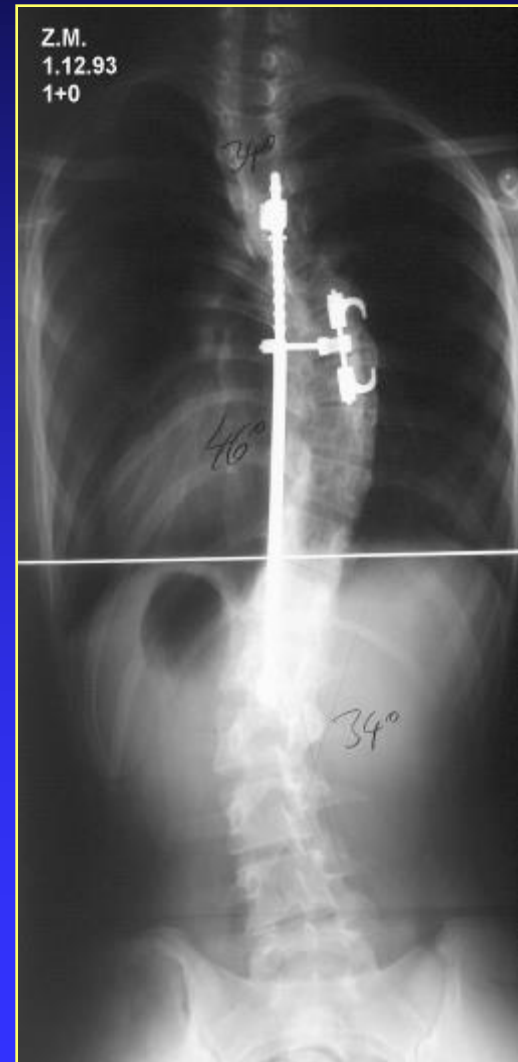
- distraction correction method
- ideal posterior fusion
- postoperative plaster necessity



HRI – 2 paralel rods

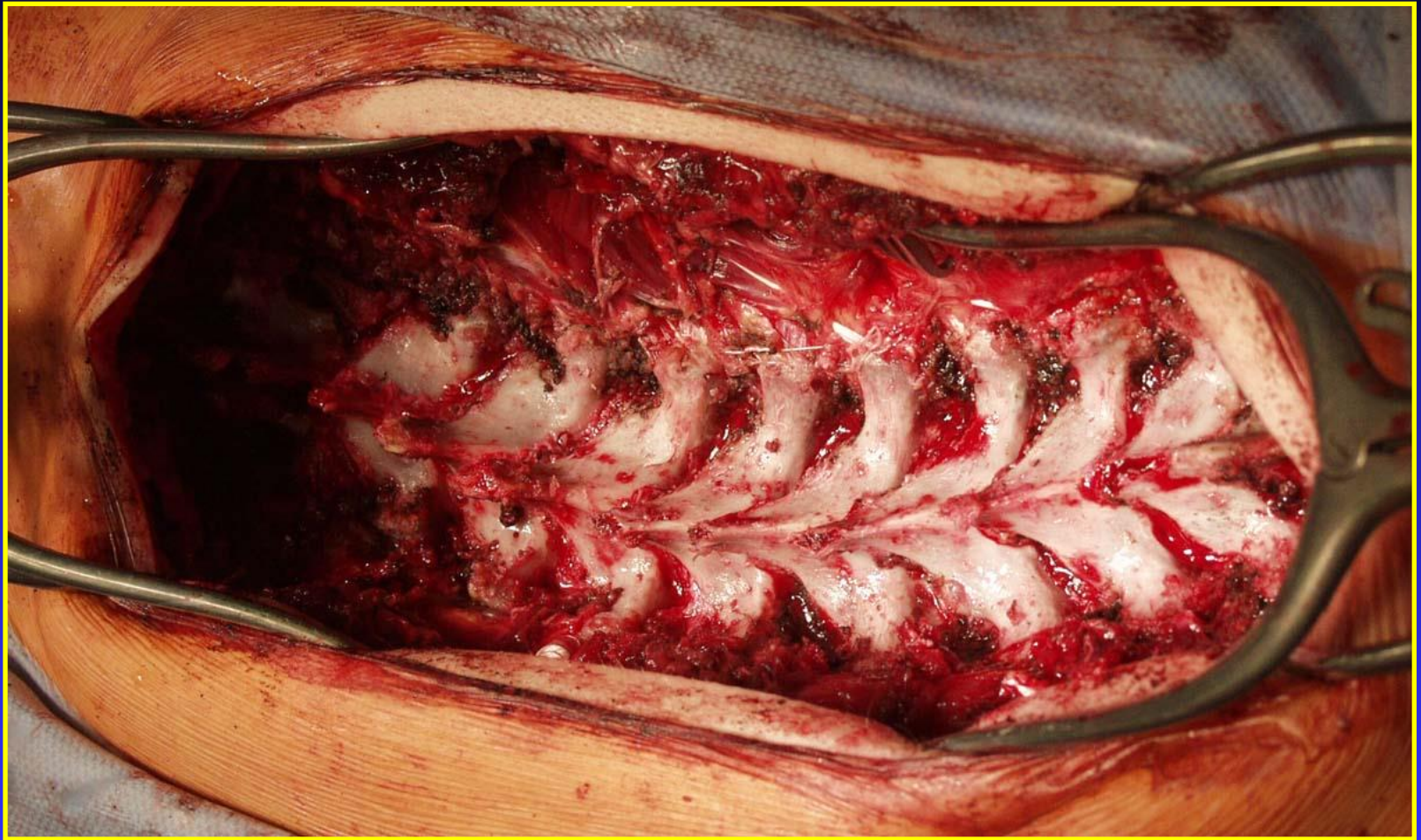


HRI + DTT

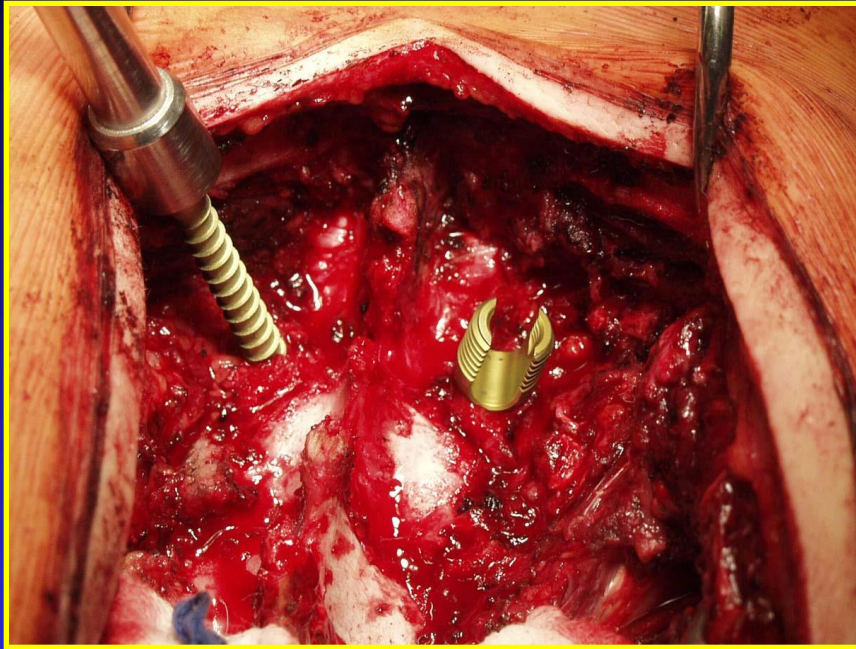


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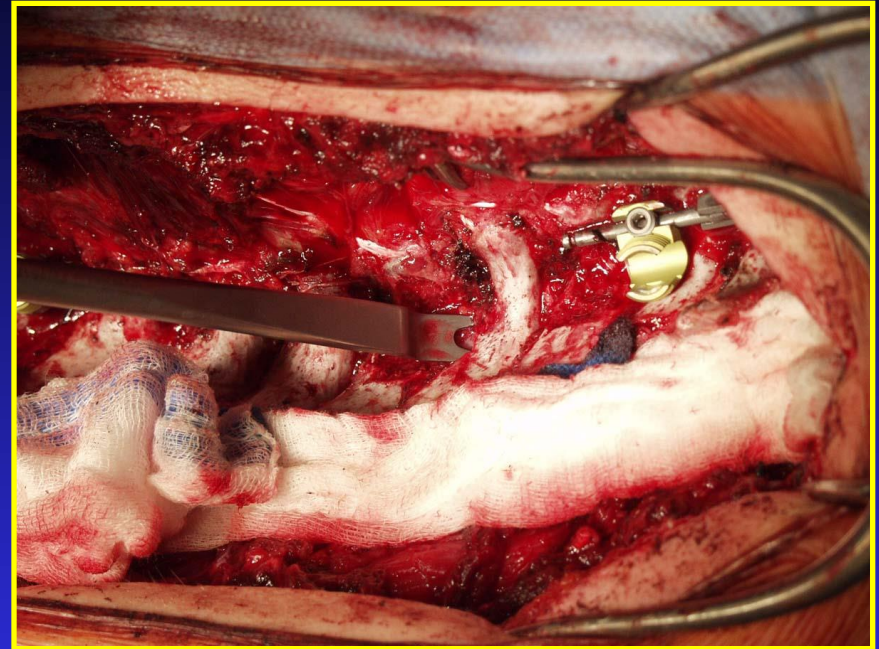
- contemporary method –
transpedicular fixation,
without postoperative
fixation (orthosis)**



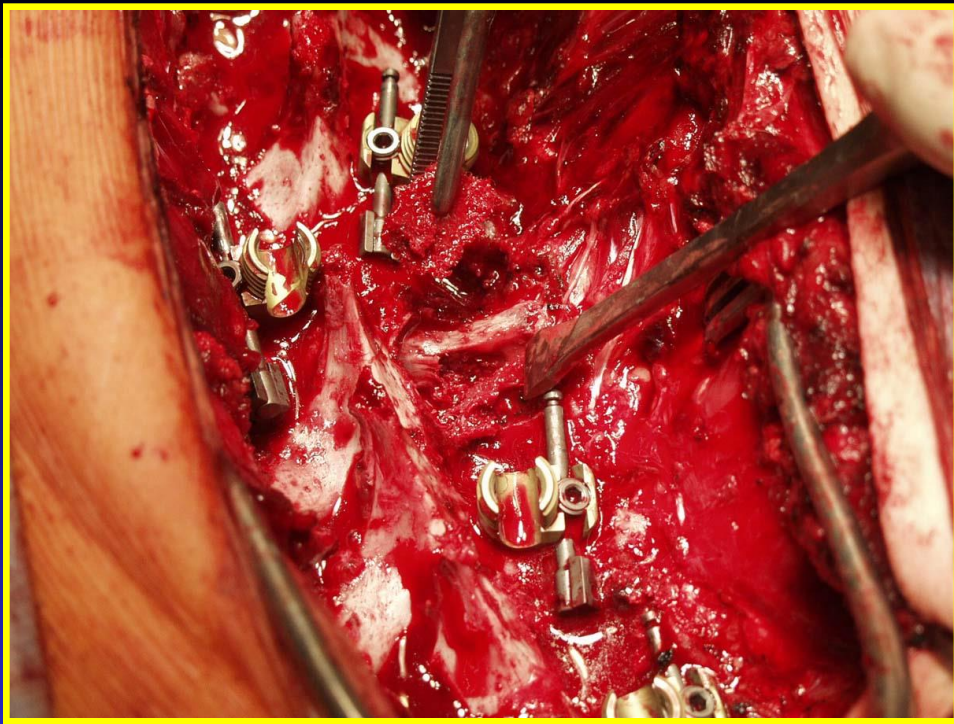
skeletisation



**transpedicular
screws**



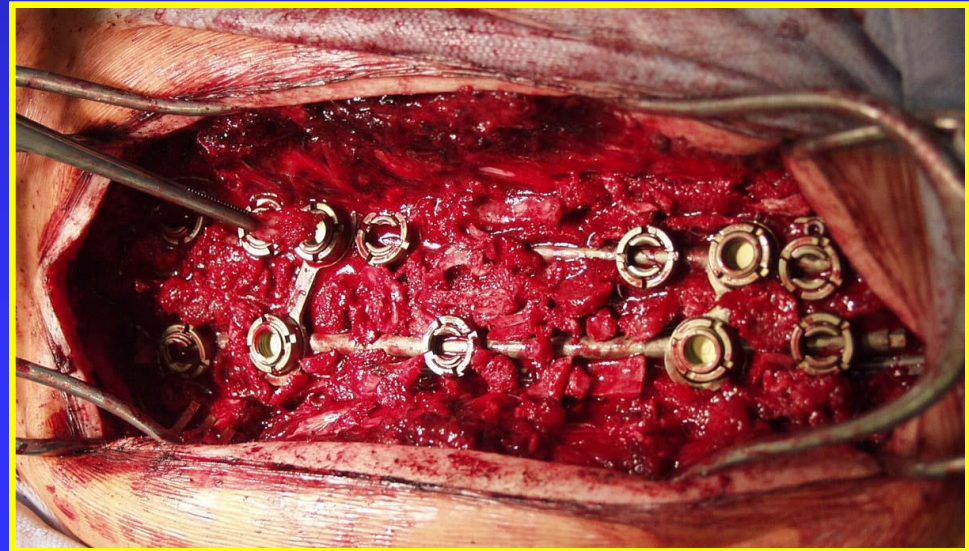
**pedicular
hooks**



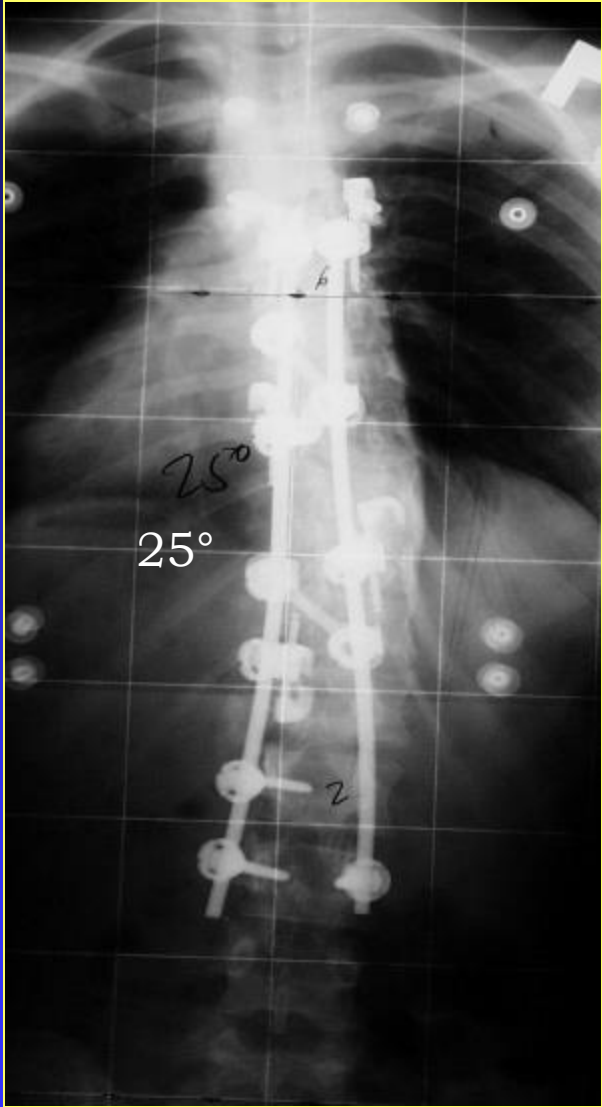
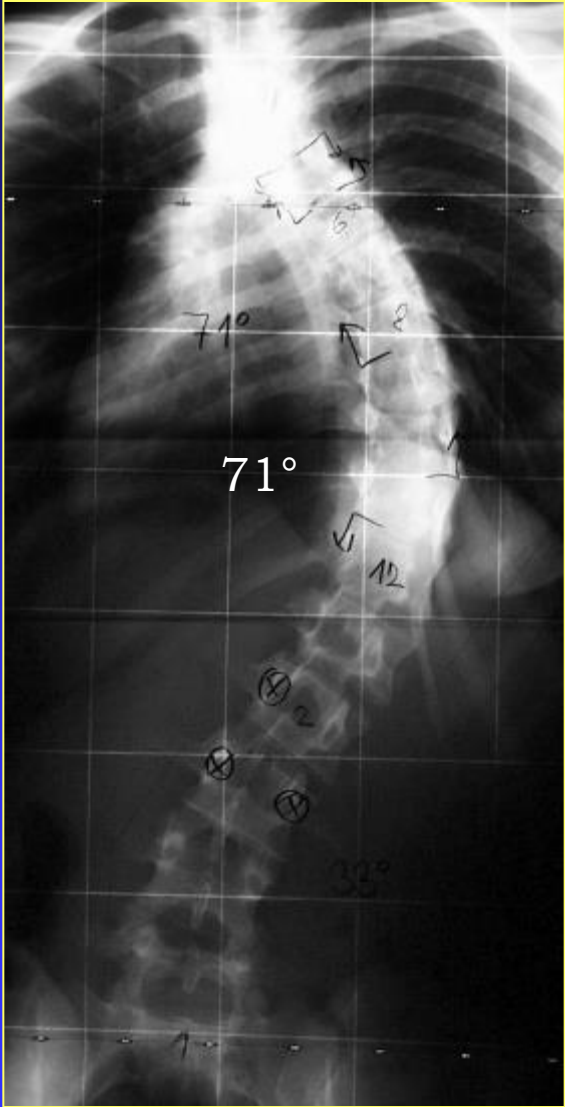
Joint resection

**Posterior elements
decortication**

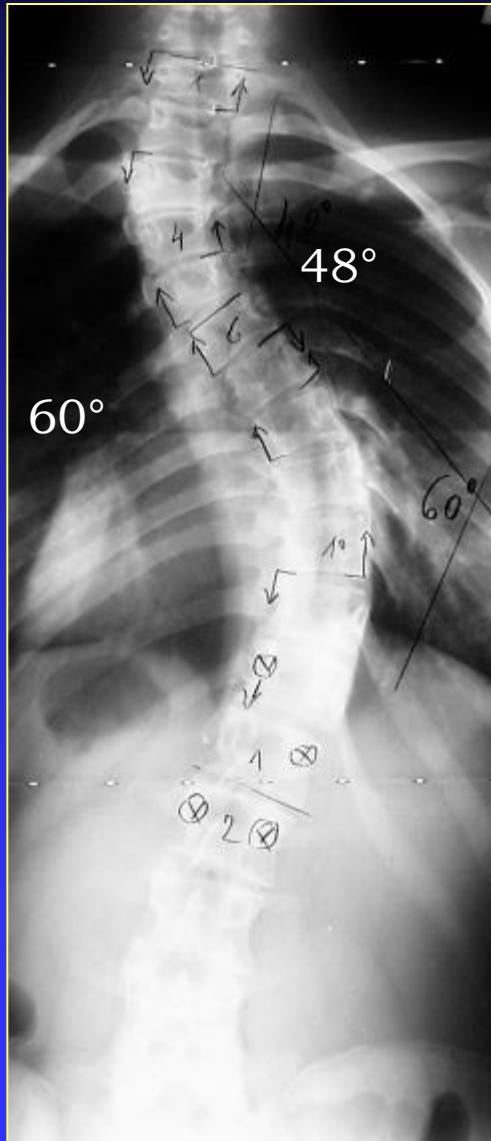
Posterolateral fusion



Lenke 1 – lower thoracic

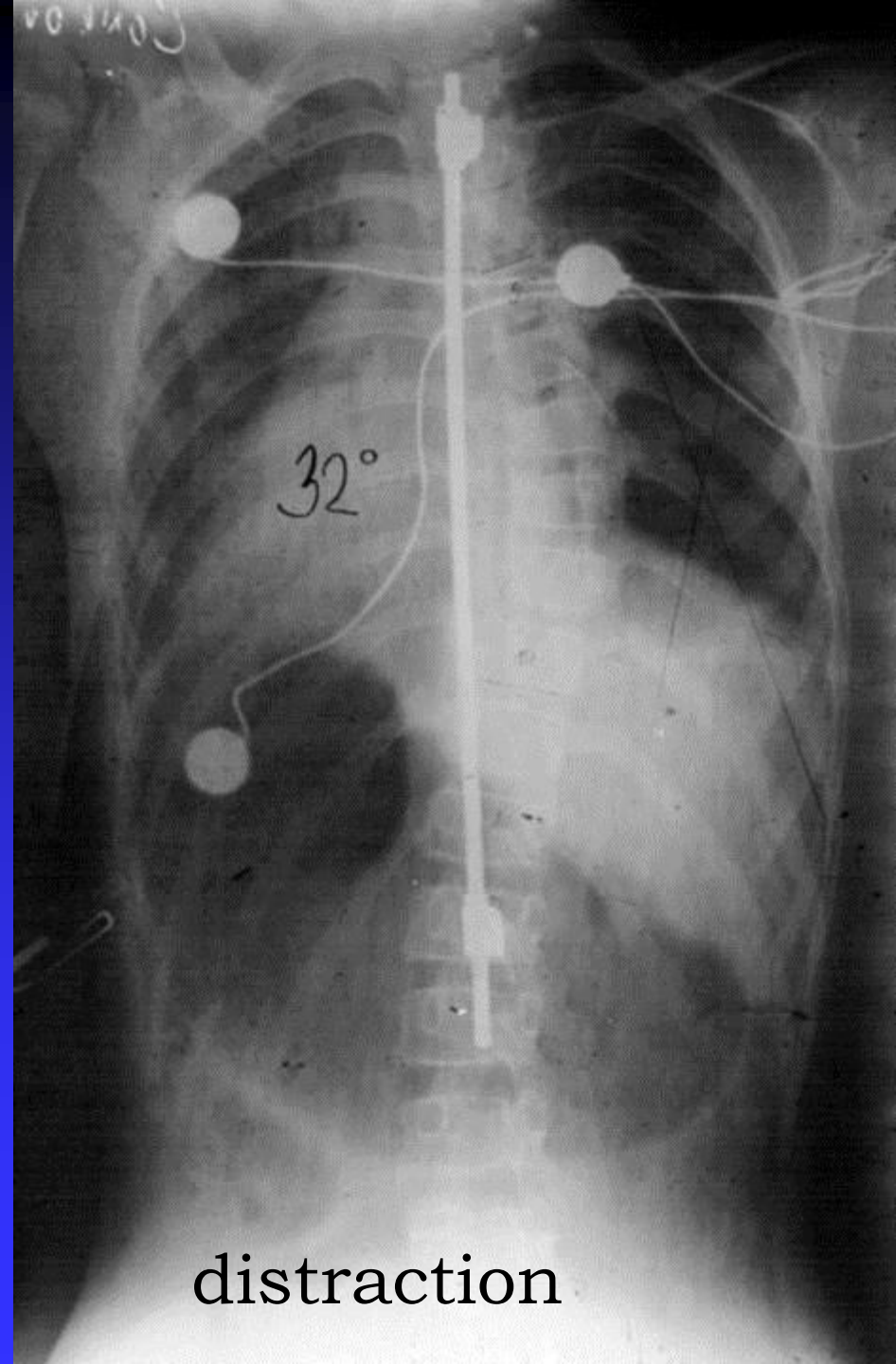


Lenke 2 – double thoracic



Juvenile scoliosis

- **Distraction method** - one rod
- Posterior approach
- Repetitive re-distractions up to growth end
- **Growing rods system** – (2 rods) 3 apex vertebrae fixation, 2 upper and 2 lower curve vertebrae – free rod fixation

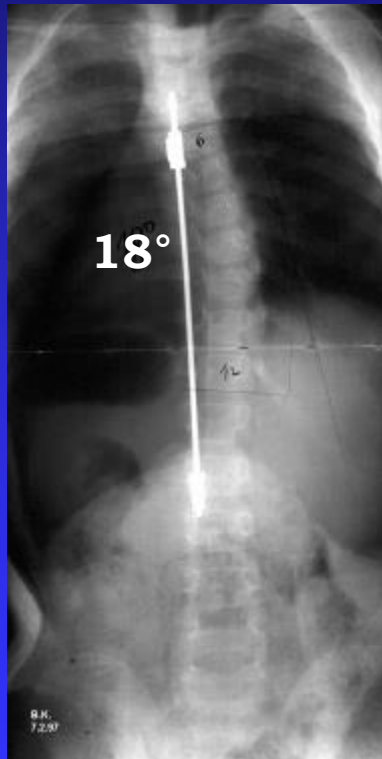


distraction

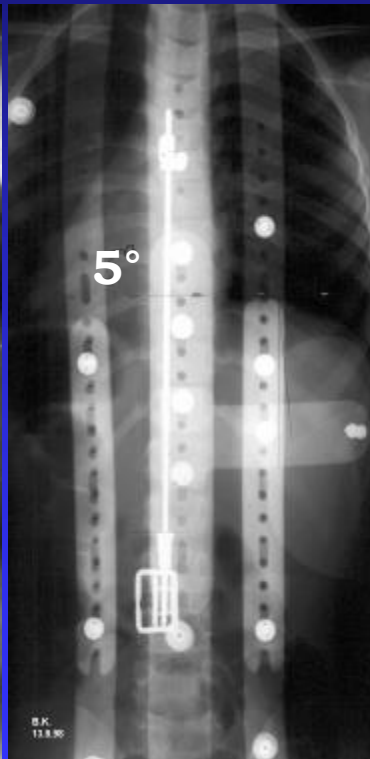
Repetitive distractions



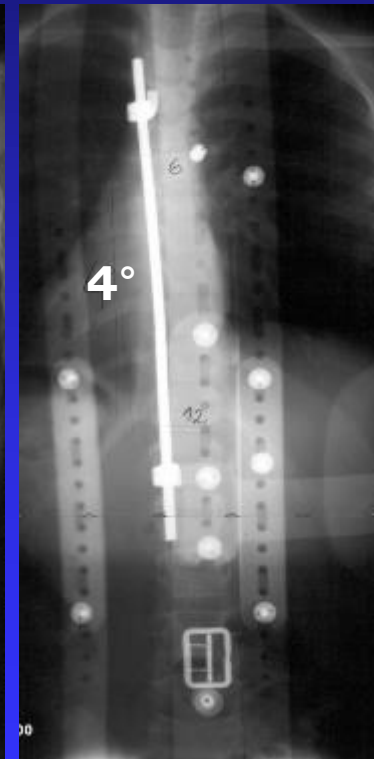
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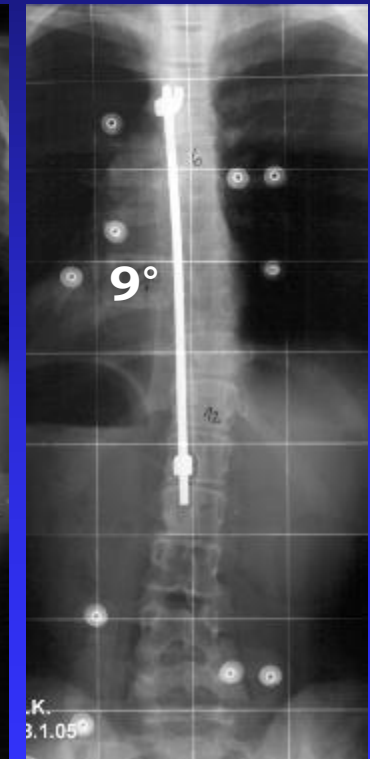
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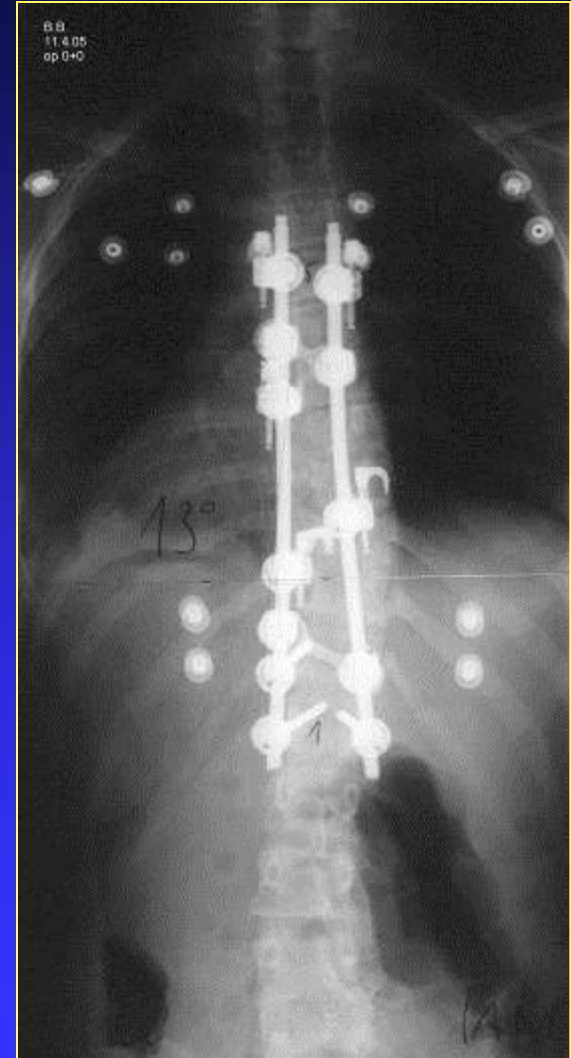
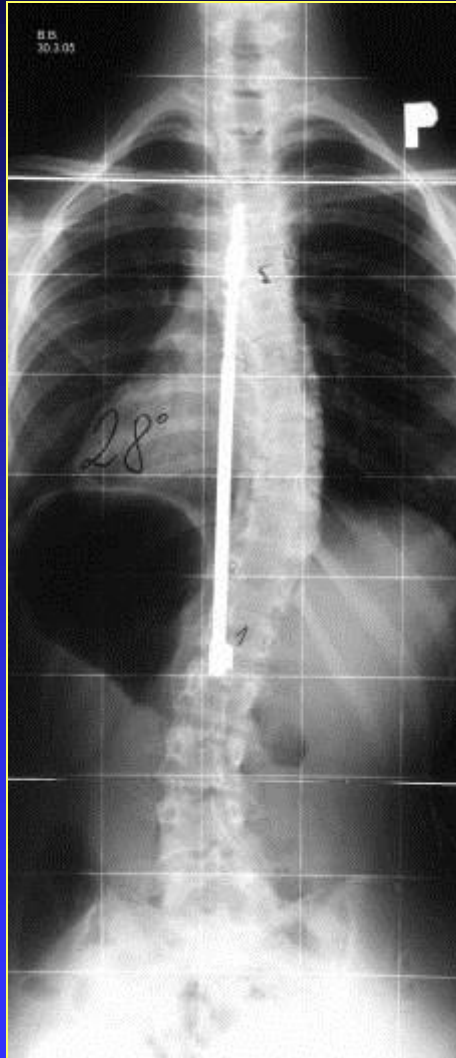
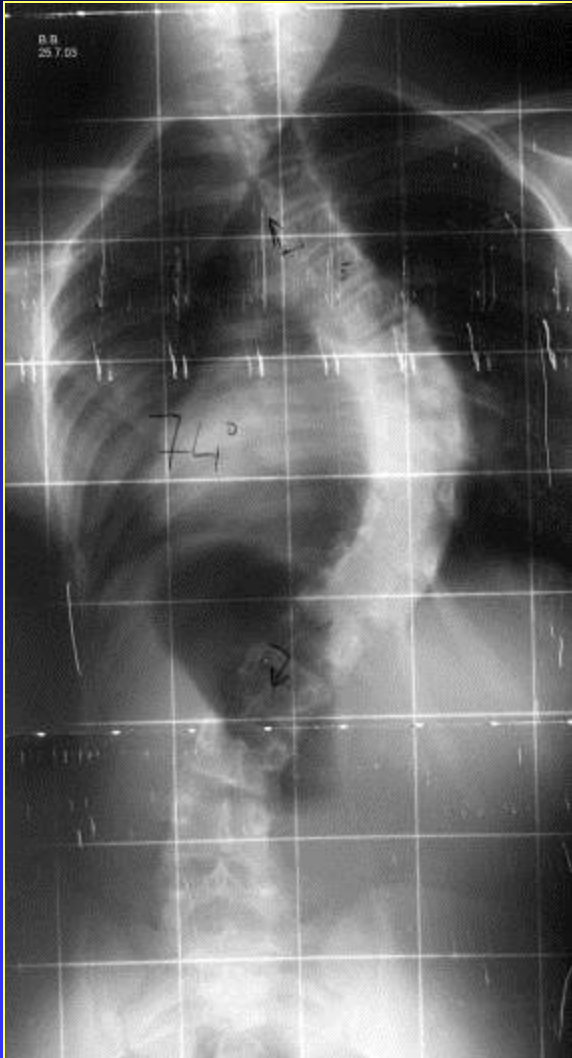


2000



2005

HRI – distraction + definitive surgery

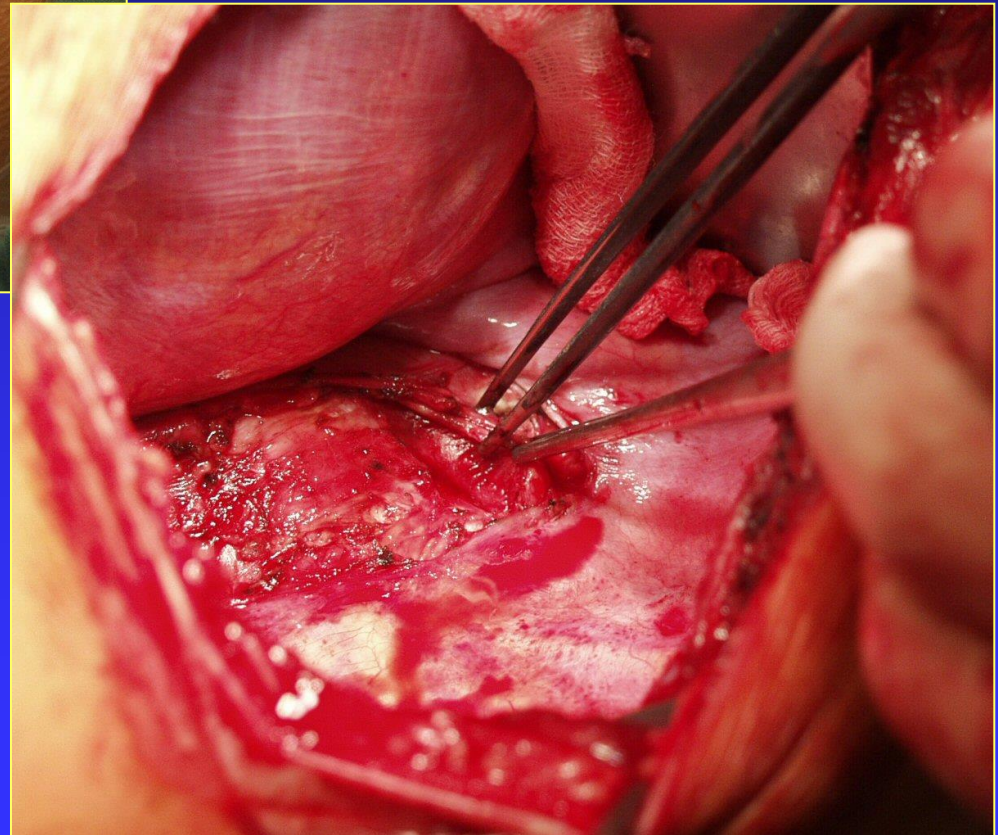


ANTERIOR APPROACH

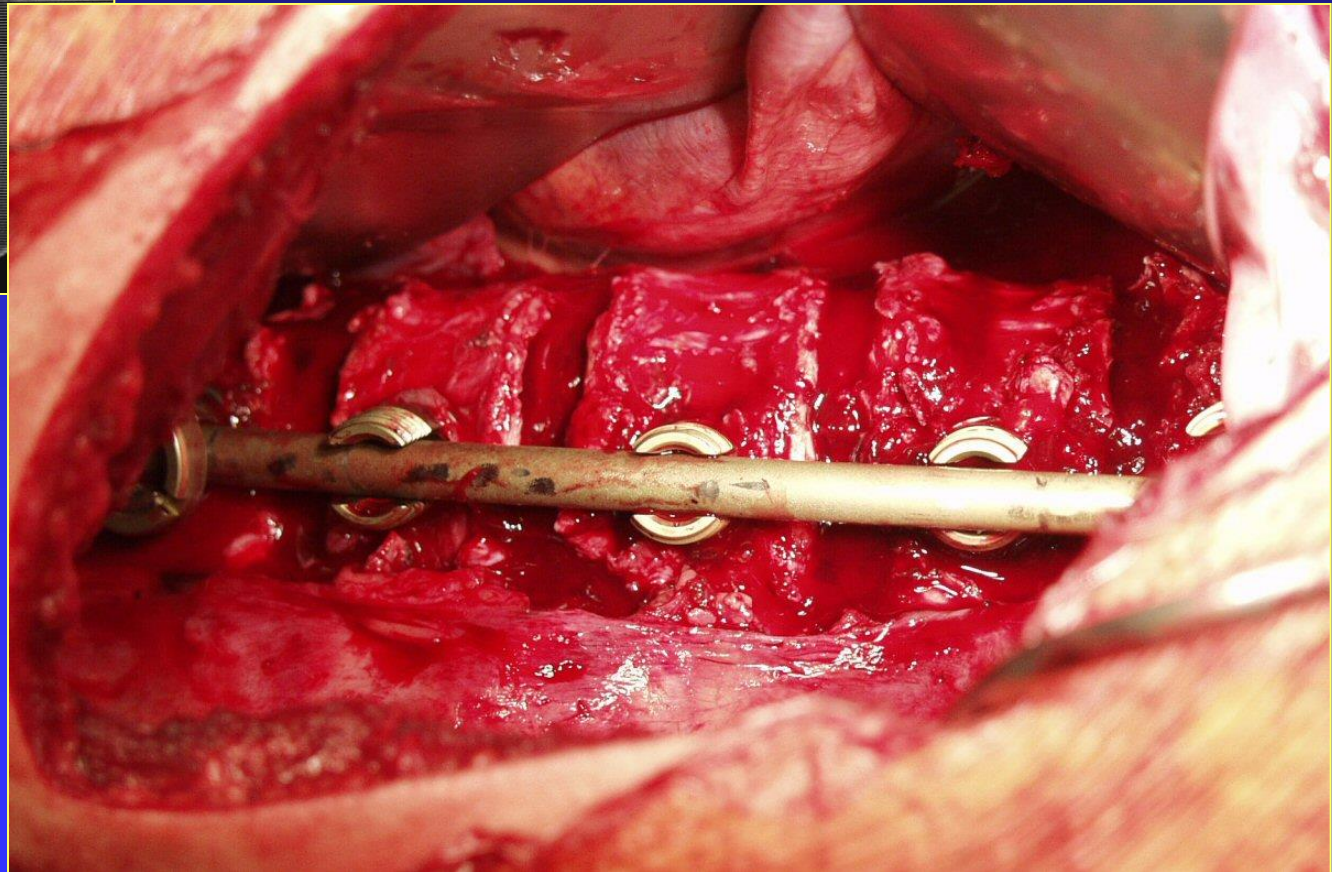
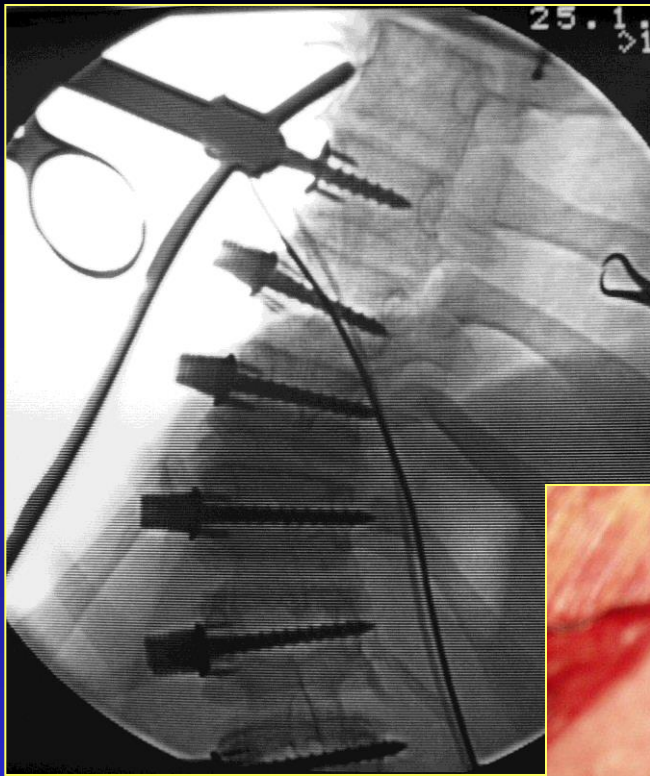
ADVANTAGES OF ANTERIOR INSTRUMENTATION

- **Significant derotation**
- **Shorter fusion**
- **Lordotisation**
- **Kyphotisation**
- **Minor blood loss**
- **Minor surgical complications**

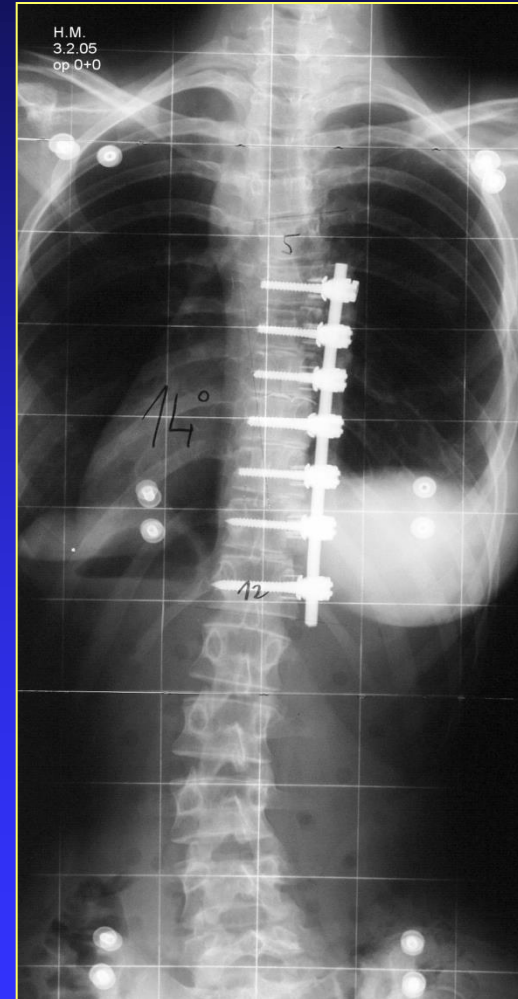
TTRP approach



Implantation of screws and rod



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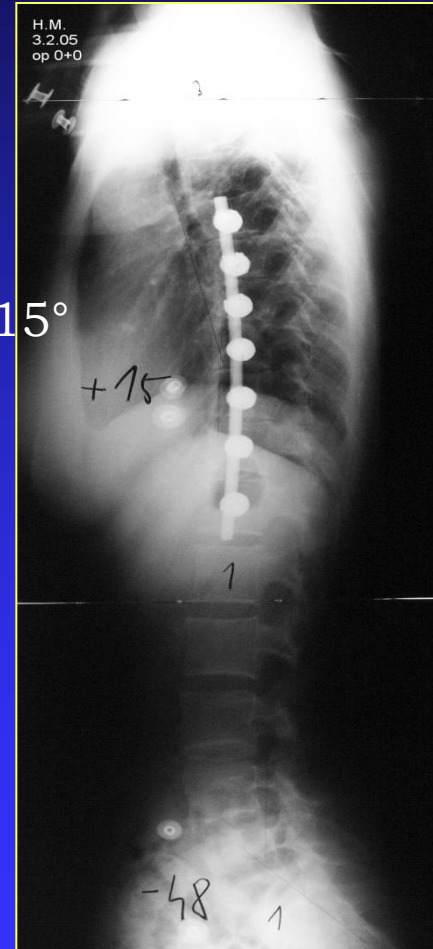


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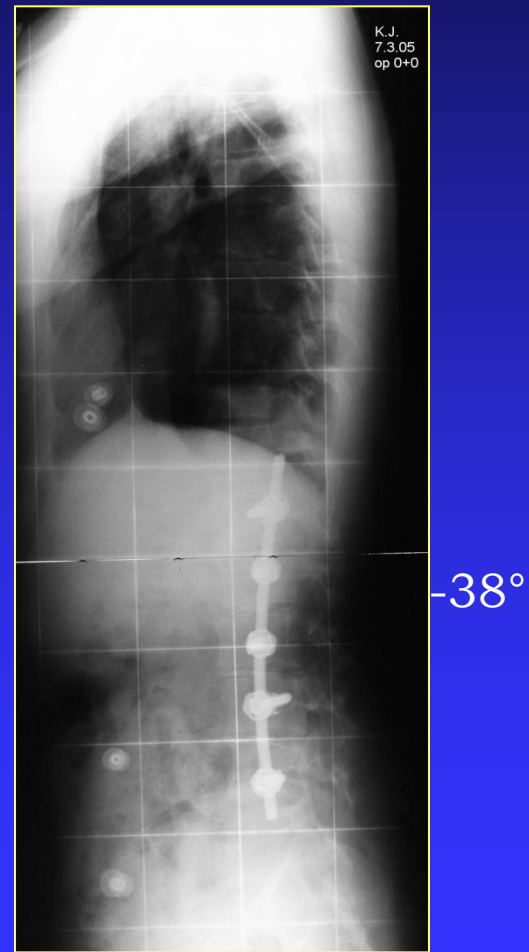
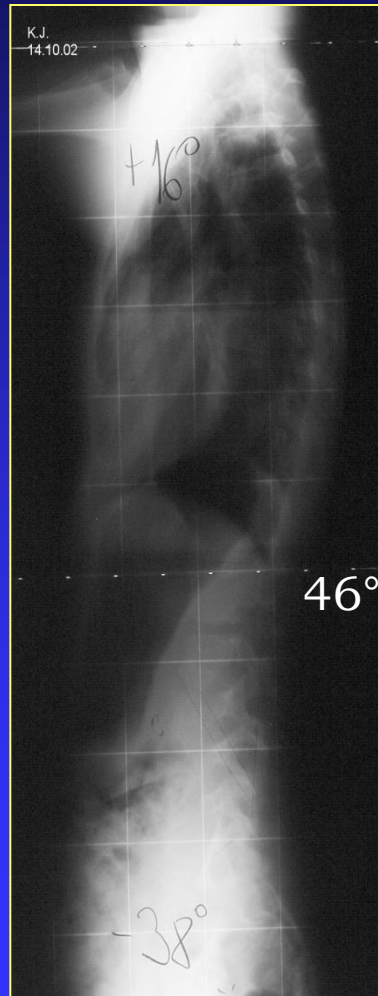
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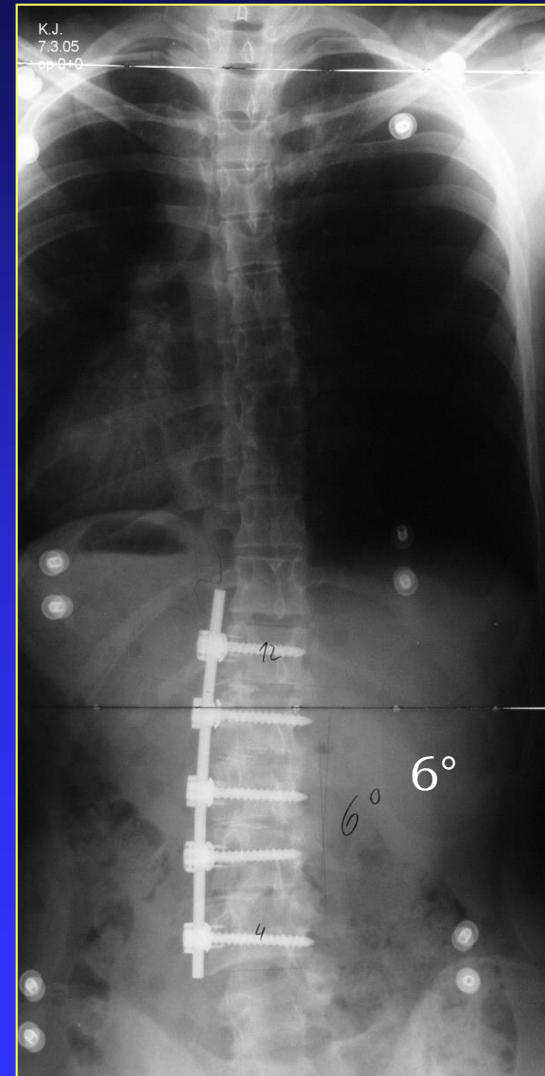
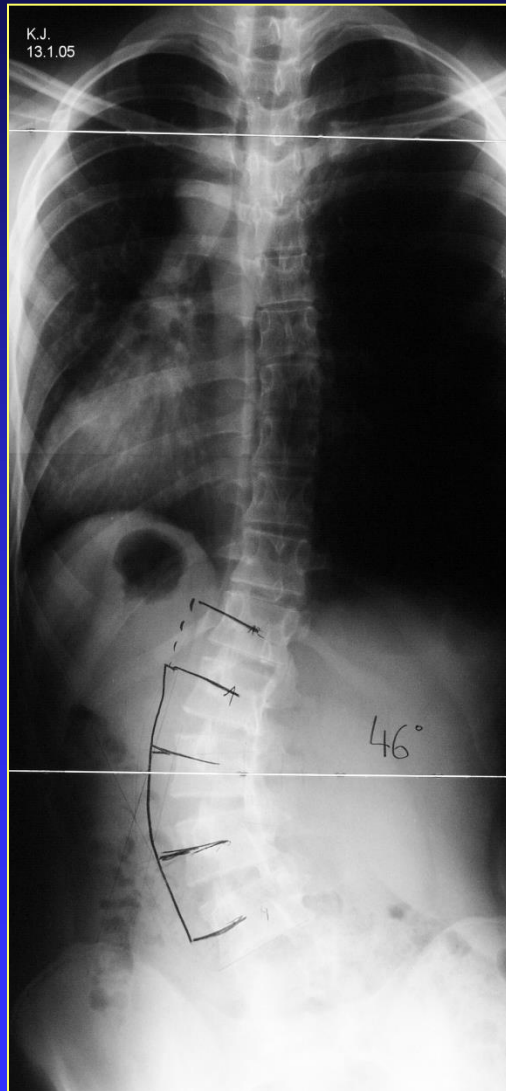
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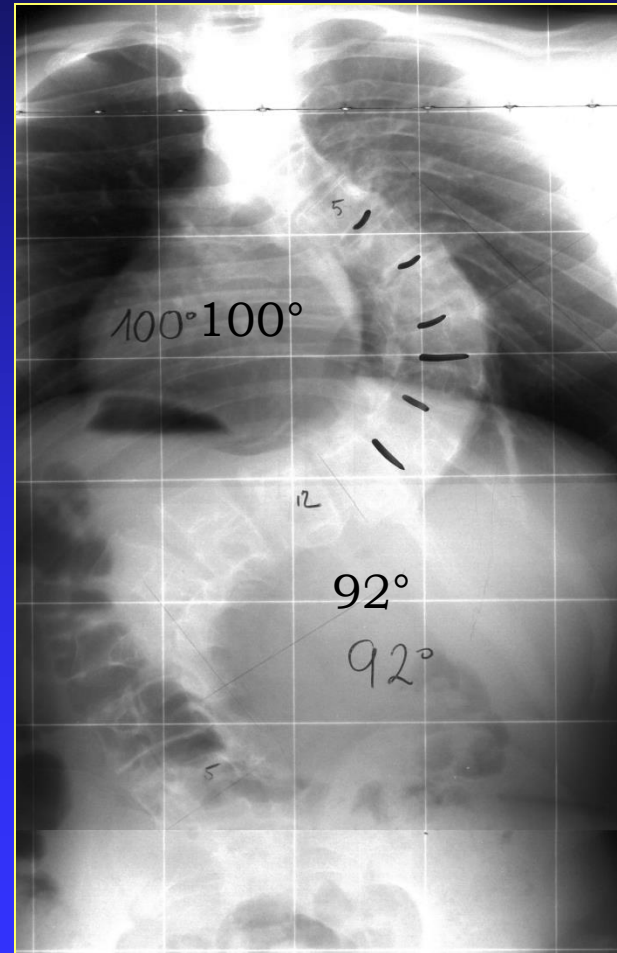
Lenke 5



Combined approach in rigid curves

1. Anterior release from minithoracotomy
2. Facultative traction
3. Posterior stabilisation and fusion

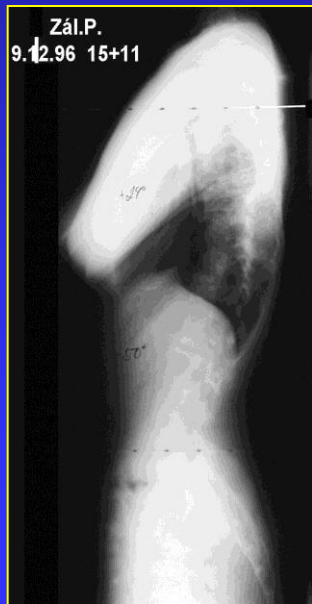
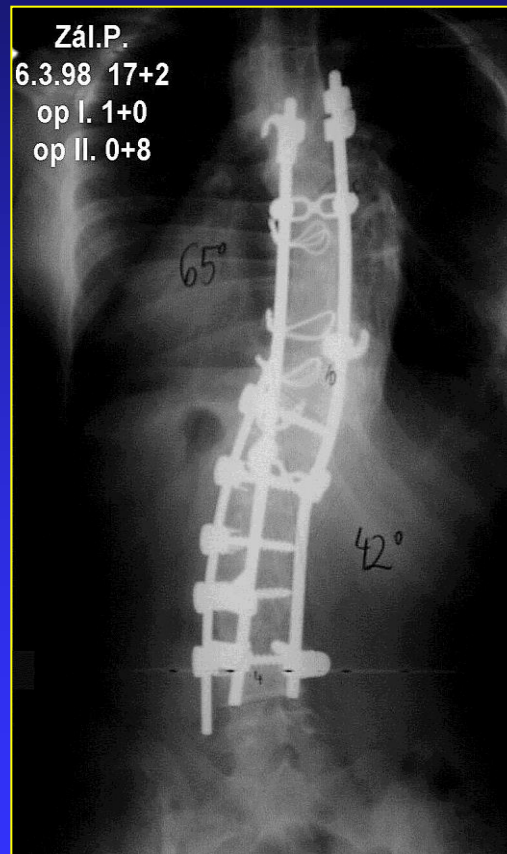
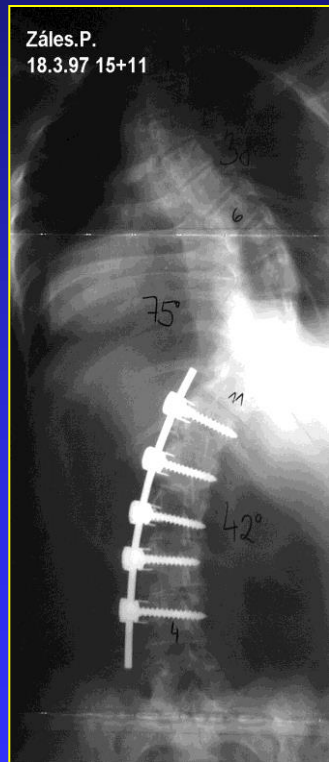
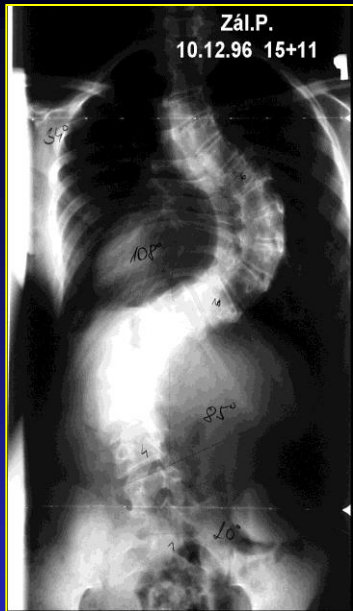
Rigid curve Lenke 3



Halo traction

Physiotherapy and wheelchair





6 months postoperatively



Congenital scoliosis

Etiologic classification of congenital scoliosis

1. defects of formation

- wedge vertebra

- hemivertebra

2. defects of segmentation

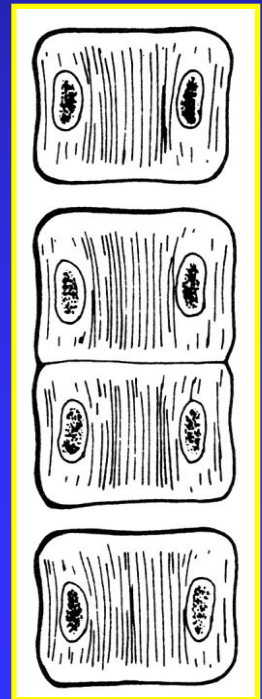
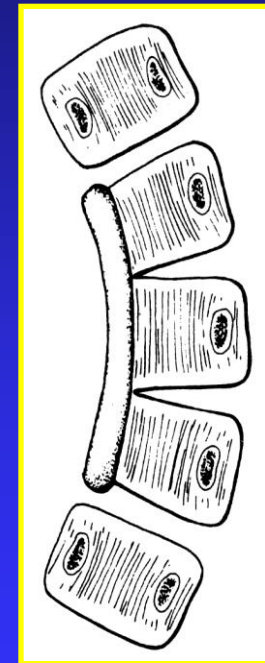
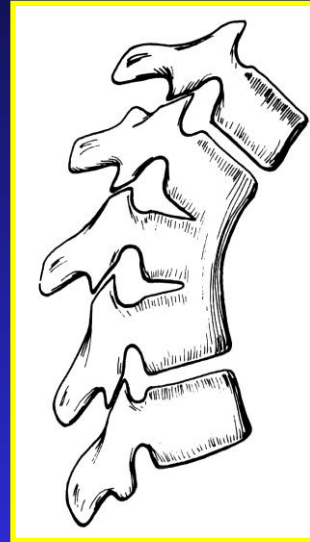
- unilateral failure (unsegmented bar)

- bilateral failure

3. combined defects

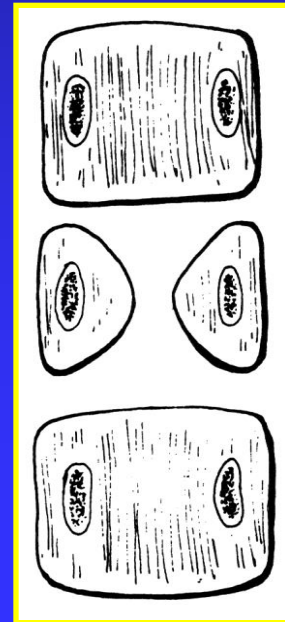
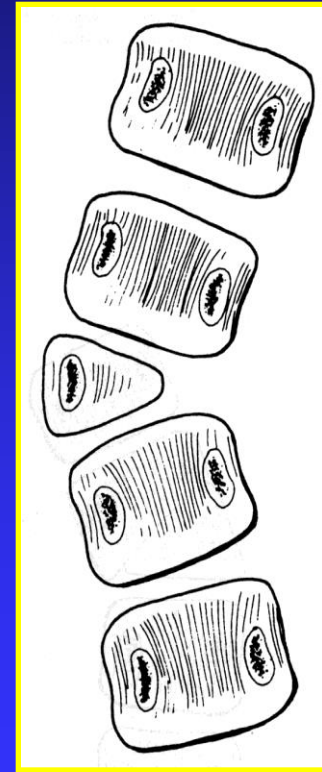
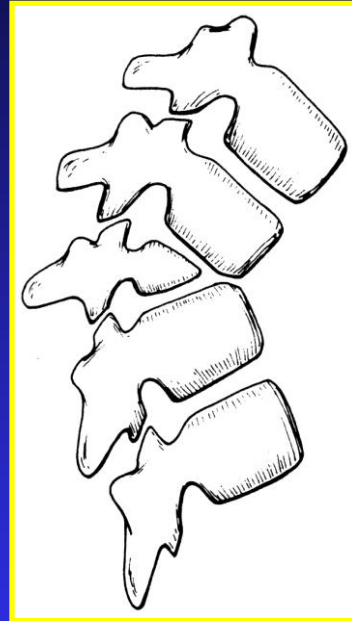
Defects of segmentation

- anterior → kyphosis
- posterior → lordosis
- lateral → scoliosis
- posterolateral → lordoscoliosis
- anterolateral → kyphoscoliosis
- complete

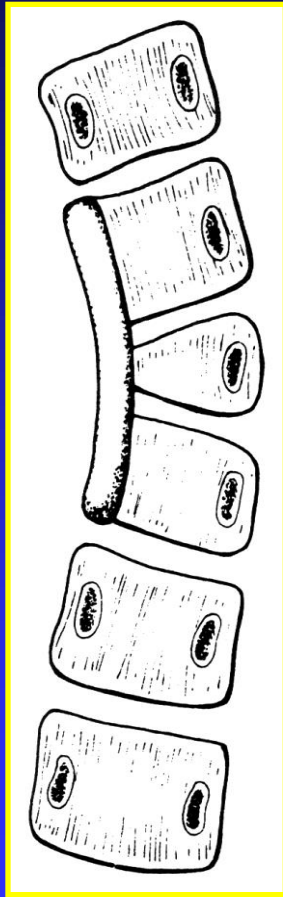


Defects of formation

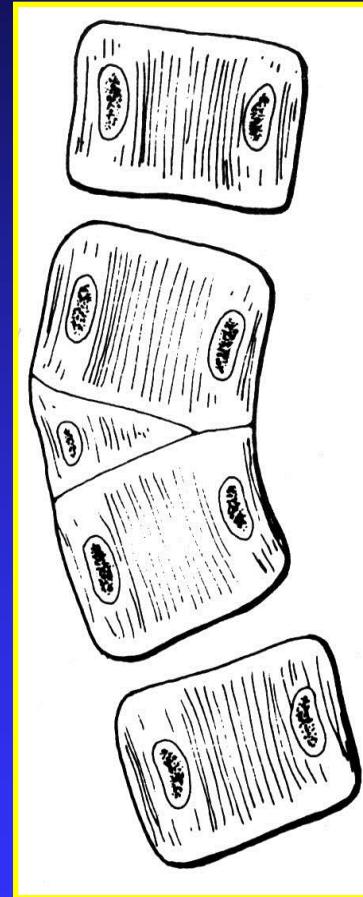
- anterior → kyphosis
- posterior → lordosis
- lateral → scoliosis
- anterolateral → kyphoscoliosis
- anterior central defect



Combined failure



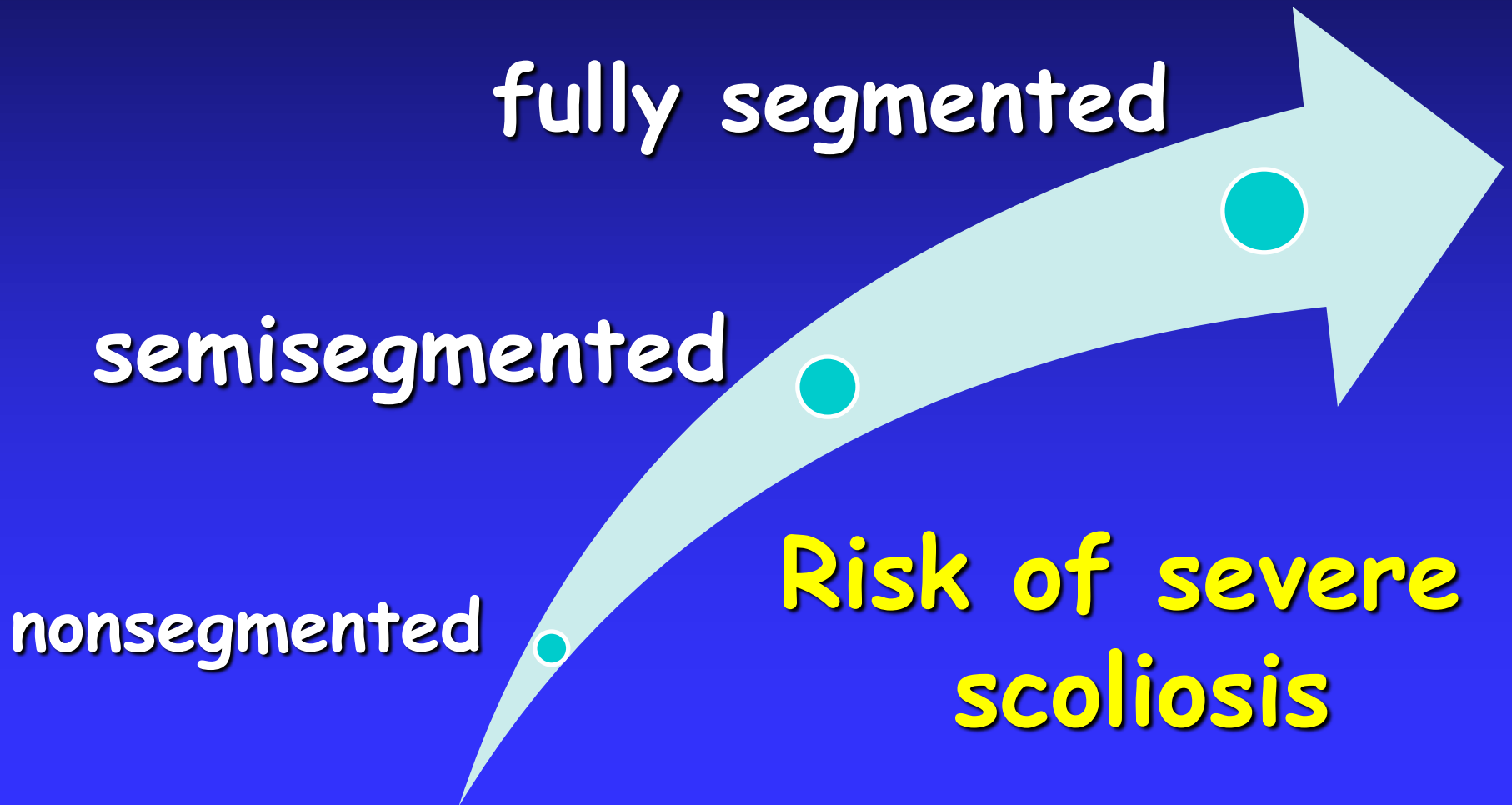
Hemivertebra +
unilateral bar



Nonsegmented
hemivertebra

Hemivertebra

=the most common failure



Evaluation of congenital scoliosis

- anamnesis (personal and family)
- physical evaluation
- neurological evaluation
- spinal imaging methods (X-ray, CT, MRI)
- echocardiogram
- renal ultrasound

X-ray



CT with 3D reconstr.



Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)



Treatment possibilities

- **conservative treatment**
 - observation
 - casting and bracing
- **surgical treatment**
 - simple bony fusion
 - **hemiepiphyseodesis**
 - **complete posterior**
 - **combined a/p**
 - posterior instrumentation
 - hemivertebrectomy
 - **combined a/p surgery**
 - **posterior only surgery**

Observation

Indication:

- small curves $<20^\circ$
- curves at low risk of progression
 - nonsegmented hemivertebra
 - bilateral defects of segmentation
- curves $<40^\circ$ at the end of an adolescent age

Follow up:

- clinical examination every half year
- follow-up X-ray once per year up to growth completion
- FU X-ray every five years in adults

Progression over 25°  bracing or surgery

Bracing

Indication:

- curves 20° - 40°
- curves at low risk of progression
 - semisegmented hemivertebra
- controlling of secondary curves in growth period

Progression over 40°  surgery

2 main surgical techniques used today



Simple bony fusion

Arrest of curve progression
(without direct correction)

- in small curves
- in early detection

Hemivertebrectomy with instrumentation

Correction of scoliotic curve

- in greater curves
- in supposed curve progression

Simple bony fusion

Indication:

- hemivertebra without kyphosis
- short curvature < 5 vertebrae
- curvature < 50°

Technique:

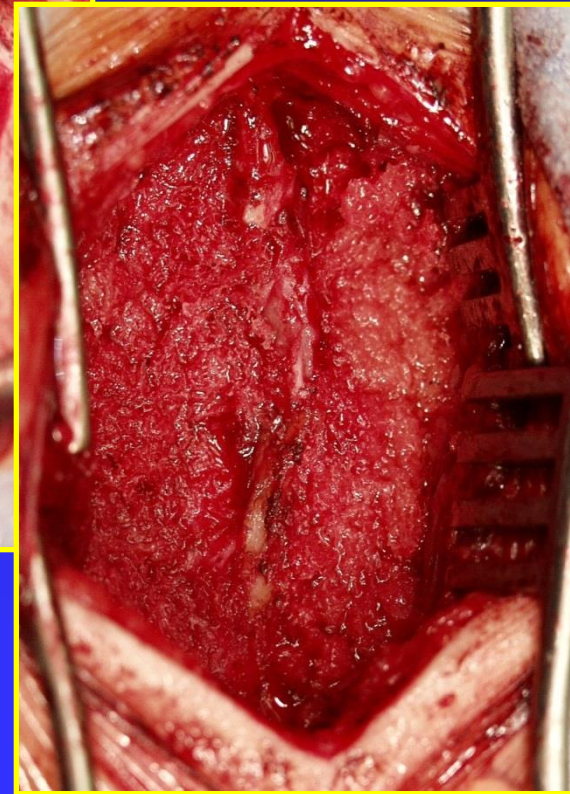
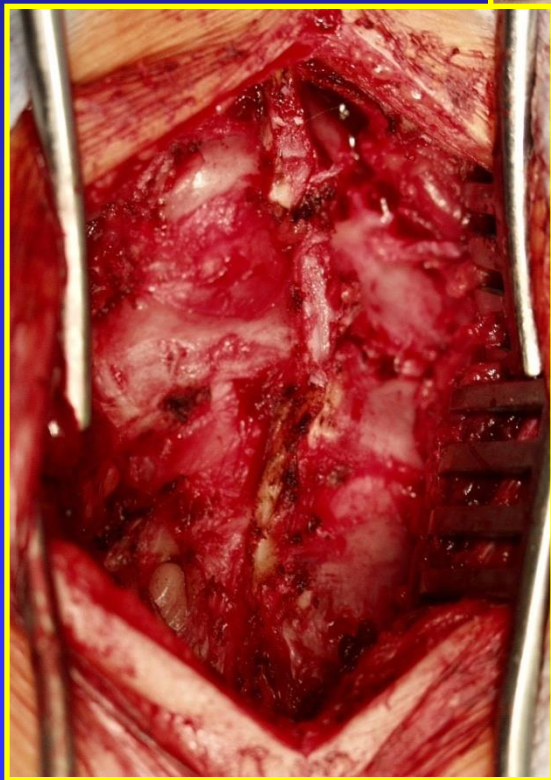
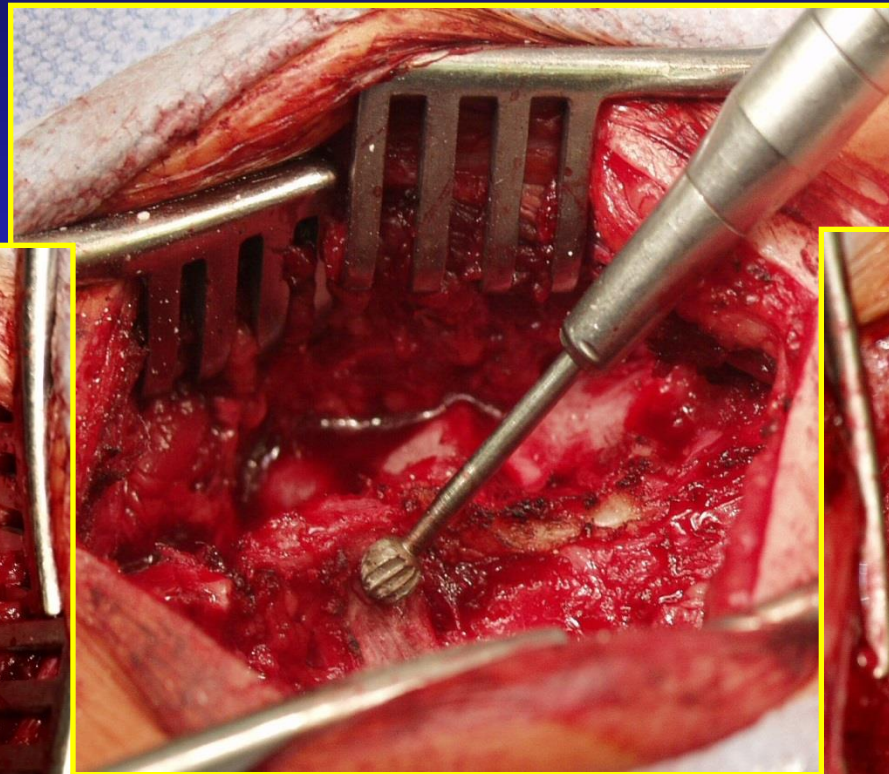
- bilateral bone desis
- unilateral bone desis - hemiepiphyseodesis
(convex side)
- posterior, anterior or combined

Unilateral fusion



growth arrest on convex side
allow growth on concave side

Simple bony fusion



Postoperative care

Plaster cast:
first 6-12 months

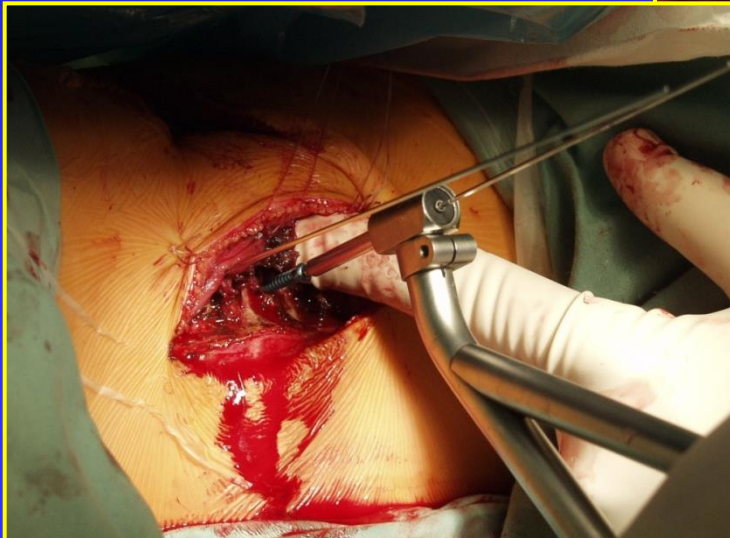
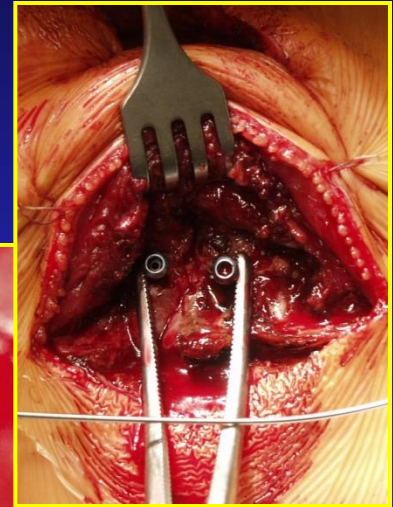
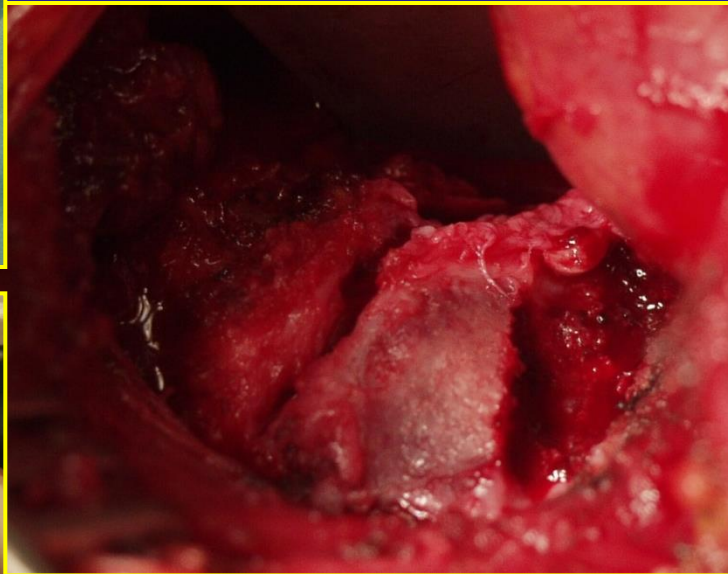
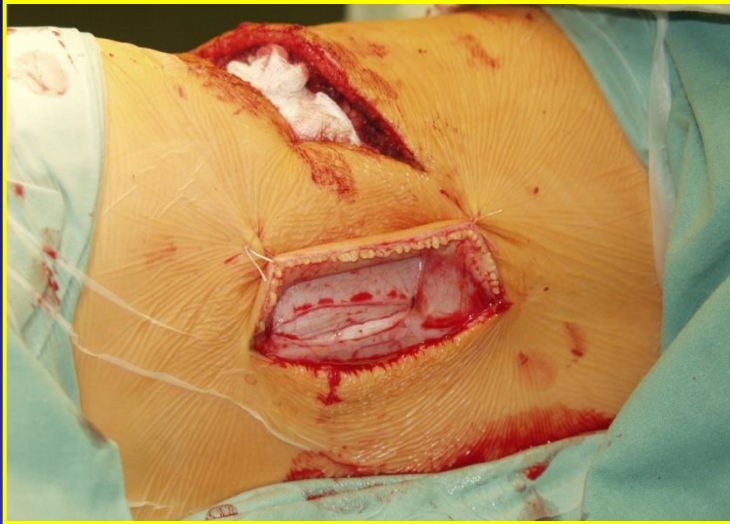
Bracing:
till the growth ending

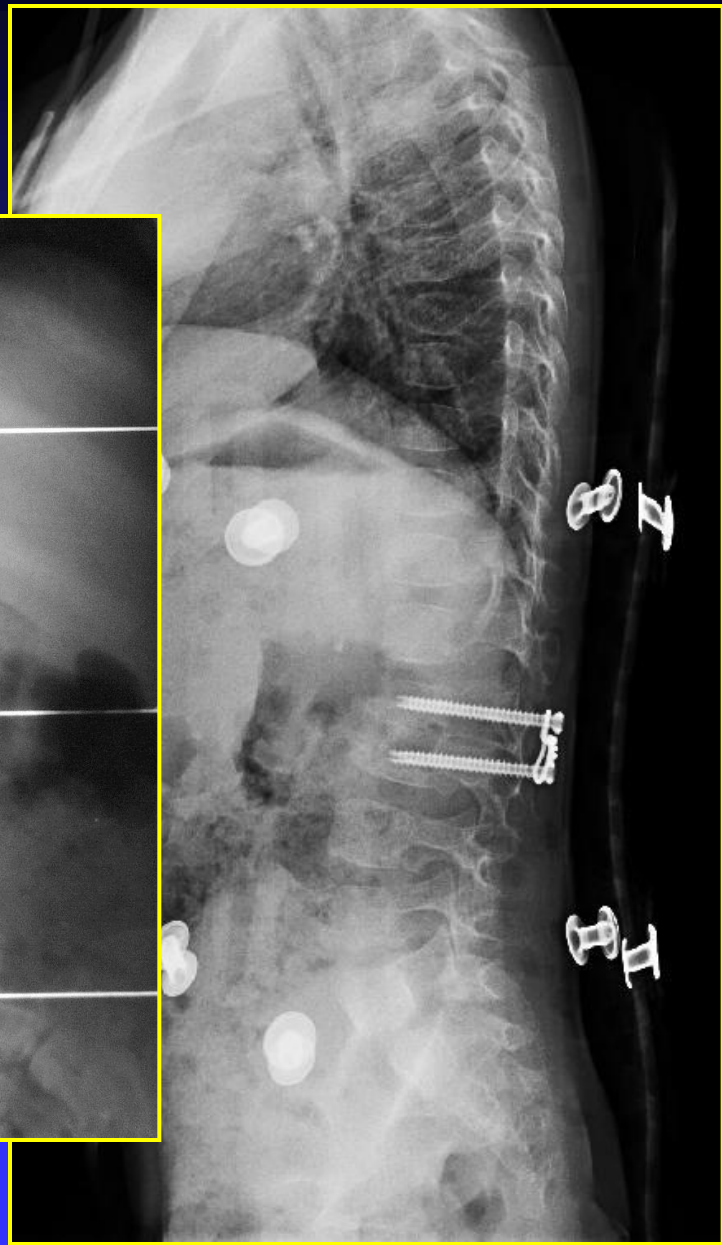
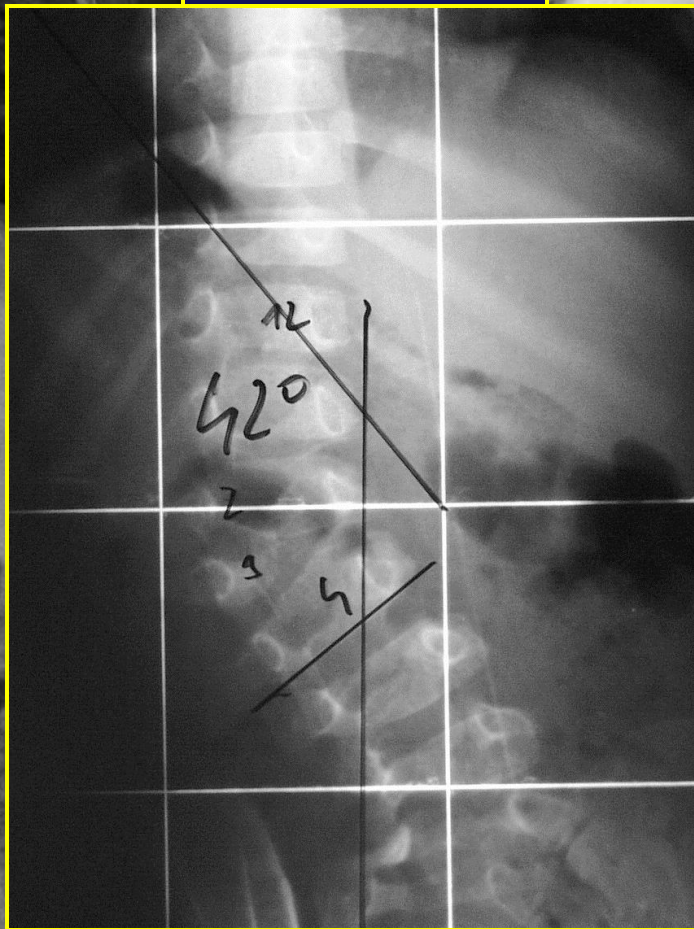
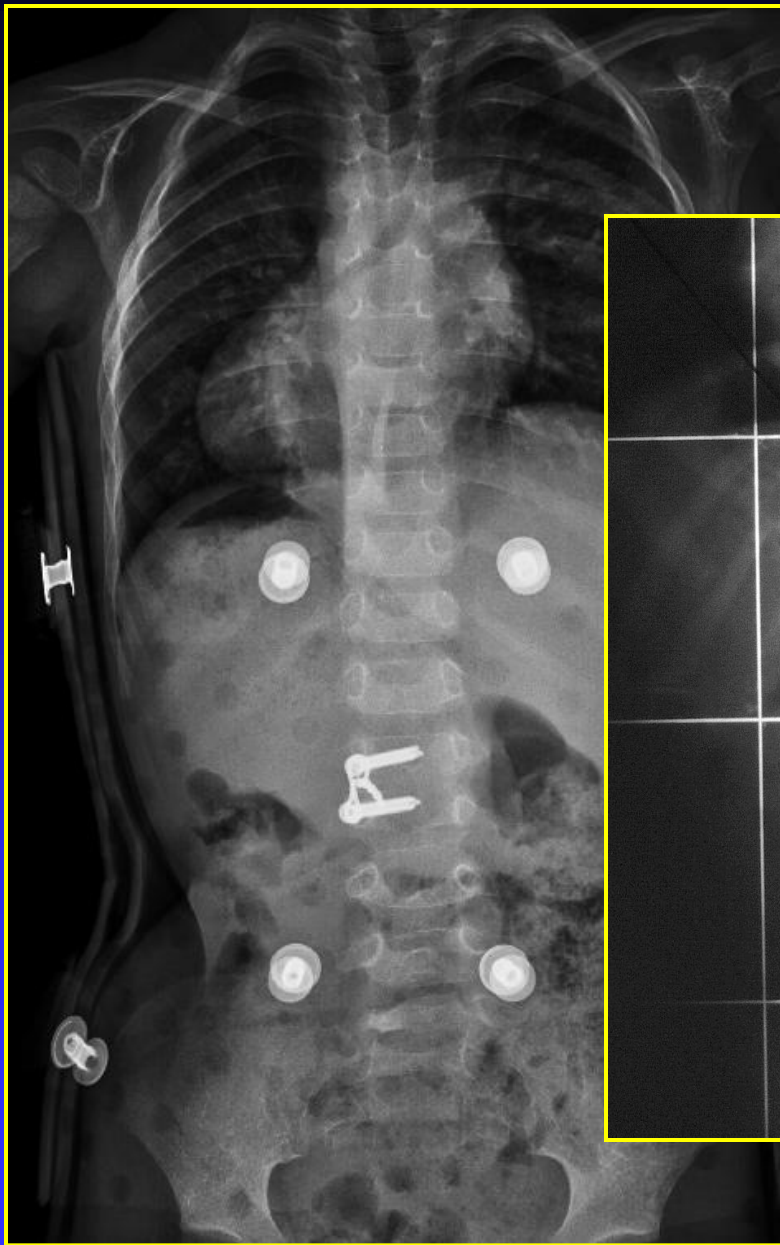


- clinical examination every half year
- follow-up X-ray once per year
up to growth completion

Hemivertebrectomy

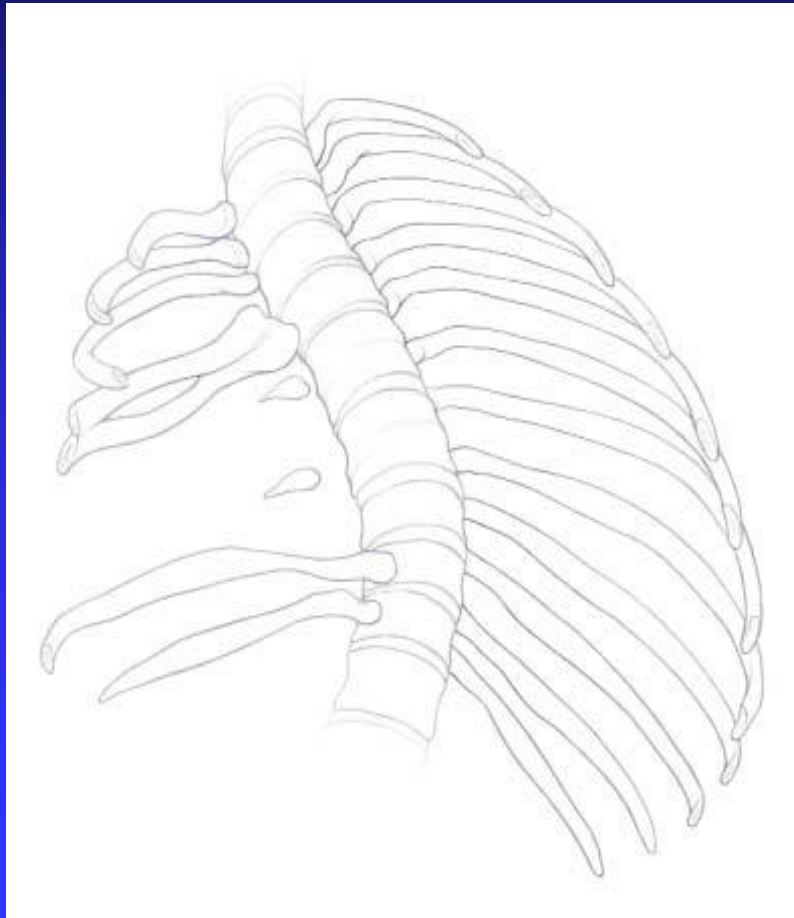
using combined a/p surgical approach with instrumentation stabilization



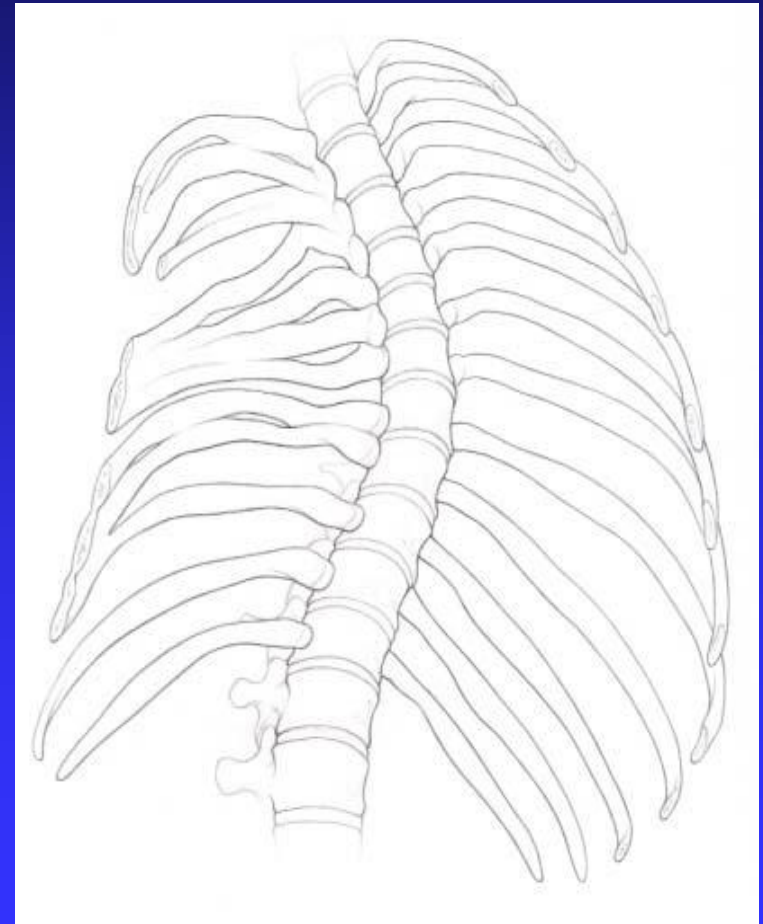


Associated rib cage deformities

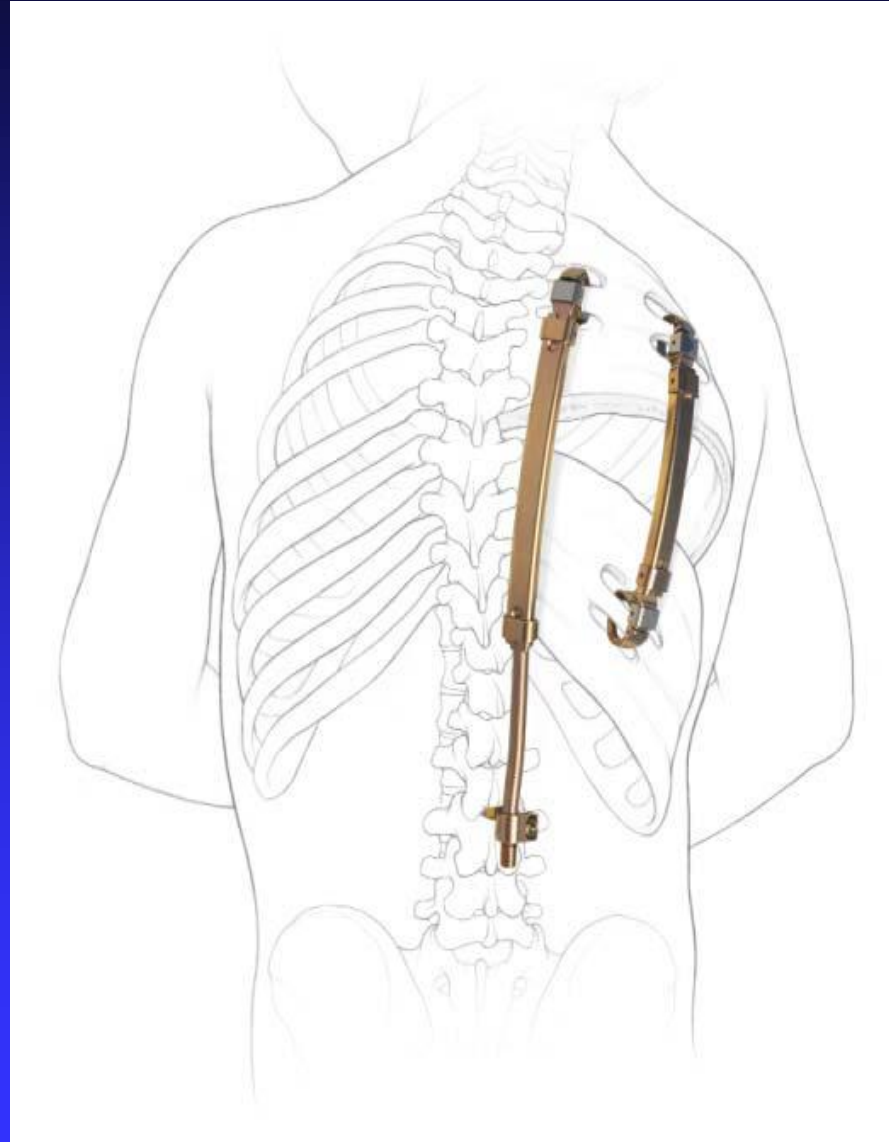
Absented ribs



Fused ribs



Vertical Expandable Prosthetic Titanium Rib (VEPTR)



The main factors of quality treatment results:

- early detection
- good timing
- choosing of adequate surgical treatment type

Neuromuscular scoliosis

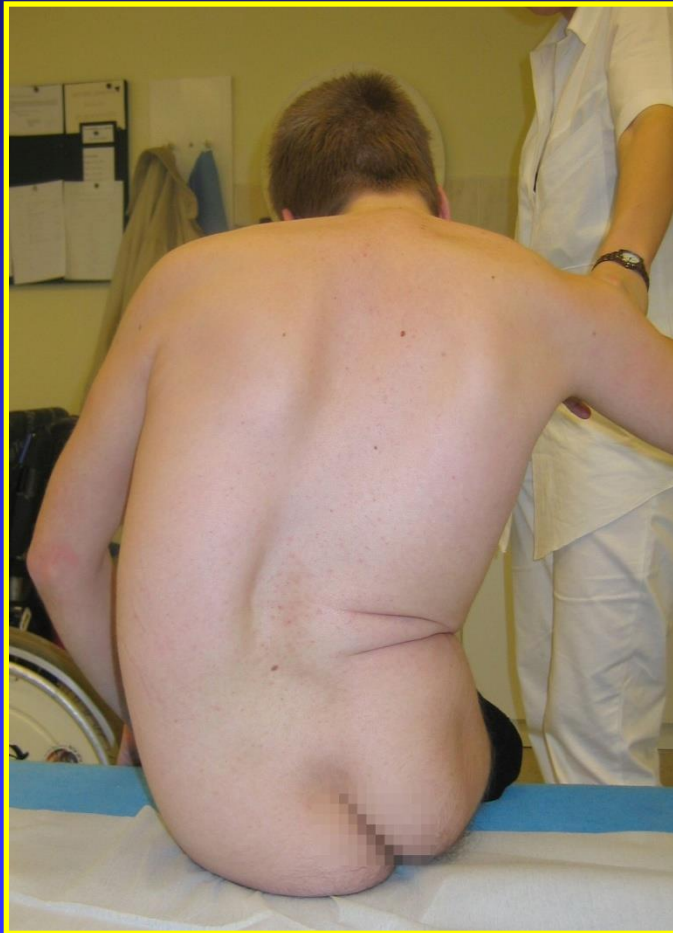
Neuromuscular scoliosis

the 3rd main scoliotic deformity

- extensive progression (even after mature)
- weighty deformities
- associated with pelvic and hip deformities
- high rate of associated dysfunctions
 - cardiopulmonal
 - urinary
 - pressure sores
 - osteopenia

Neuromuscular scoliosis

Sitting instability



Standing instability



Etiologic classification of the spinal neuromuscular deformities

1. neuropathic

-affection of the upper motoric neuron

-**cerebral palsy**

-spinocerebelar degeneration (Friedreich, Charcot-Marie-Tooth,
Roussy-Lévy)

-syringomyelia

-spinal tumours

-**spinal trauma**

-affection of the lower motor neuron

-poliomyelitis

-**spinal muscular atrophy (Werdnig-Hoffmann)**

-**paralytic myelomeningocele**

2. myopathic

-**artrogryphosis**

-**muscular dystrophy (Duchenne)**

Neuromuscular scoliosis

- long unilateral curve
- kyphoscoliosis
- lumbar hyperlordosis
- pelvic and hip deformities



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1. Spastic forms → rigid kyphoscoliosis
 2. Hypotonic forms → paralytic curves

Pelvic deformities

1. structural

- in spinal deformities

2. functional

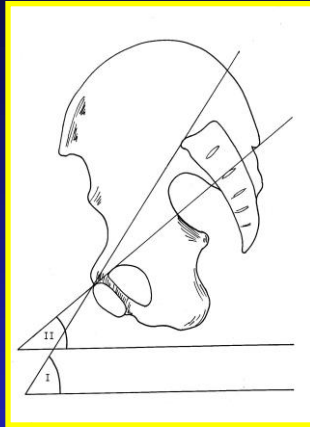
- in muscle imbalances



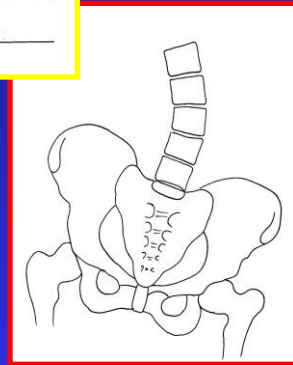
Pelvic deformities

•Posterior tilt

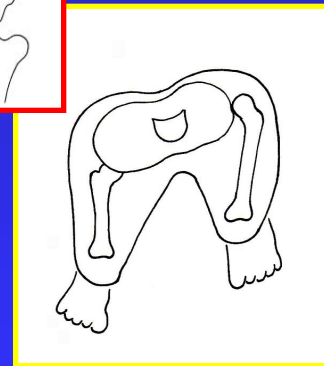
•Anterior tilt



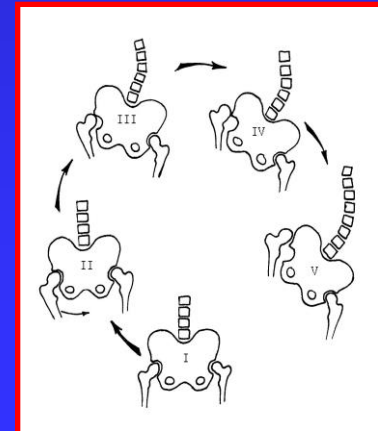
•Pelvic obliquity



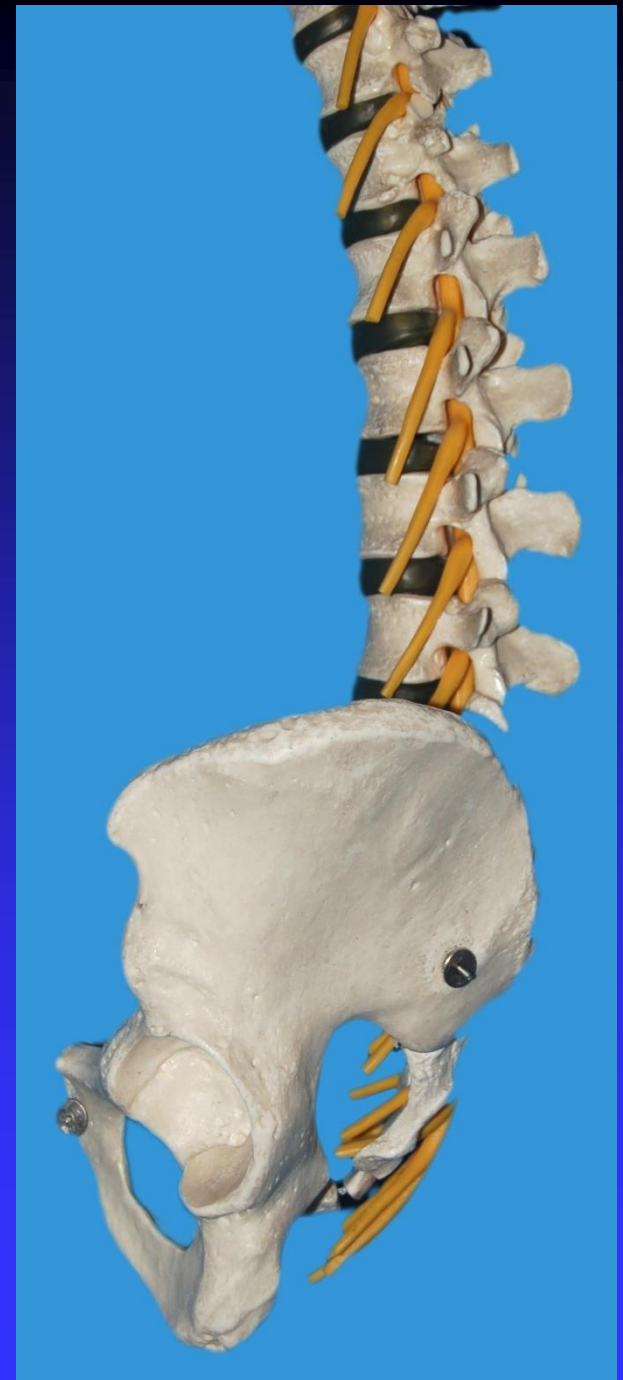
•Pelvic rotation



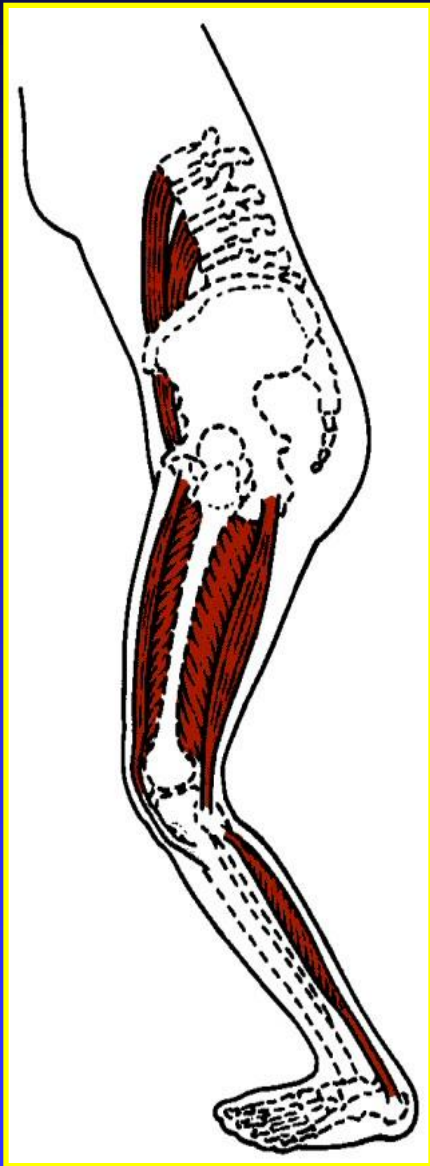
•Windswept hip phenomenon



POSTERIOR TILT



POSTERIOR TILT



- Hyperactivity of hip extensors
- Hamstrings shortening
- Weakeness of lower back extensors



- Decreasing of lumbar lordosis
- Lumbar spine flexion

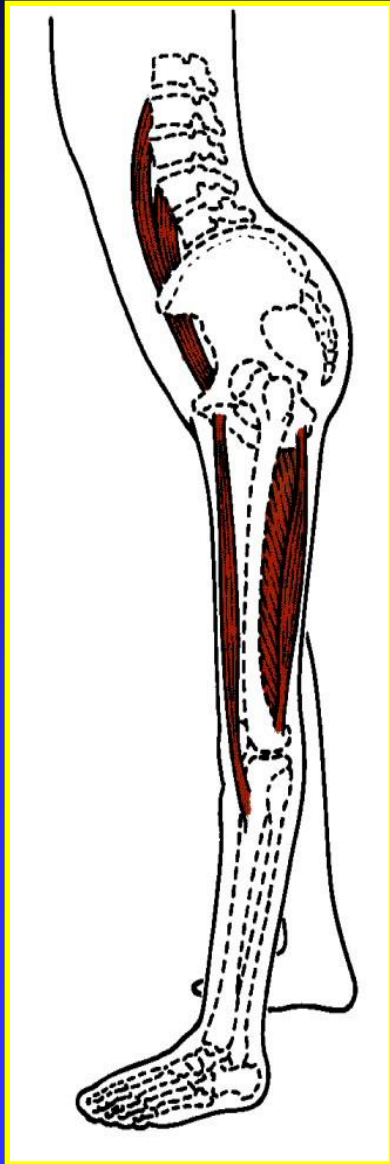


Extensive pelvic posterior tilt

ANTERIOR TILT



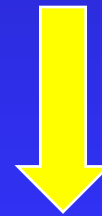
ANTERIOR TILT



- Shortening of lower back extensors
- Weakness of trunk muscles
- Shortening of iliotibial tractus
- Shortening of hip extensors



• Increasing of lumbar lordosis



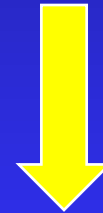
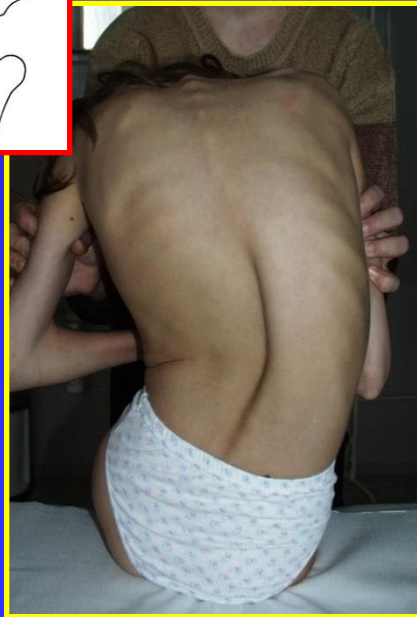
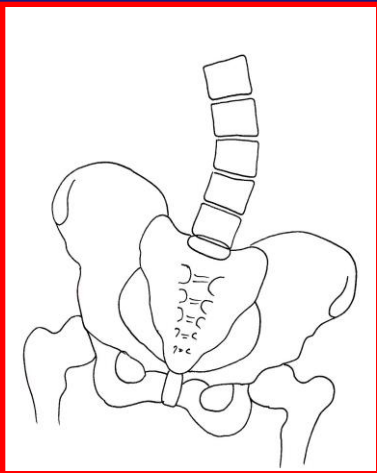
Extensive pelvic anterior tilt

PELVIC OBLIQUITY



PELVIC OBLIQUITY

- Unbalanced trunk
- Lumbar scoliosis
- Hip dislocation
- Muscle imbalance:
 - Hip adductors imbalance
 - Hip abductors weakness

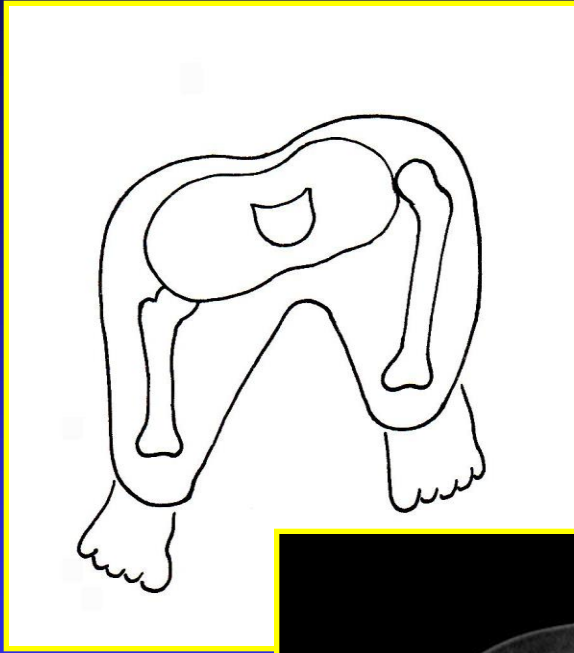


Pelvic obliquity

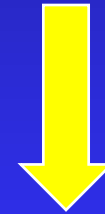
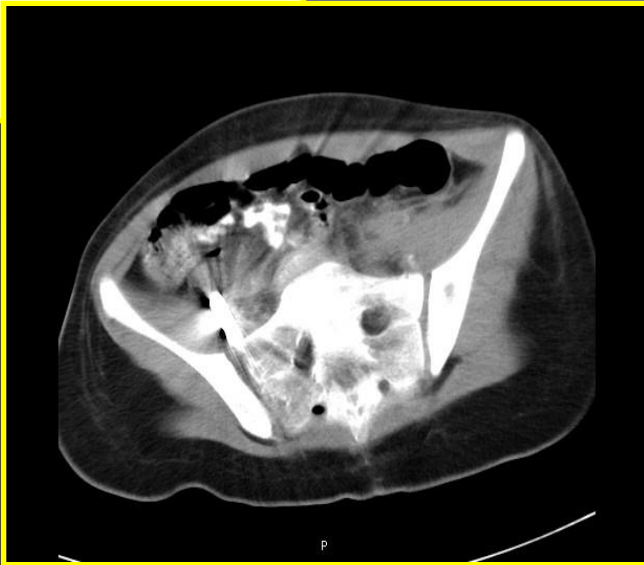
PELVIC ROTATION



PELVIC ROTATION



- Often associated with scoliosis
- Dislocated hip located in posterior side of rotation



Pelvic rotation

WINDBLOW HIP DEFORMITY

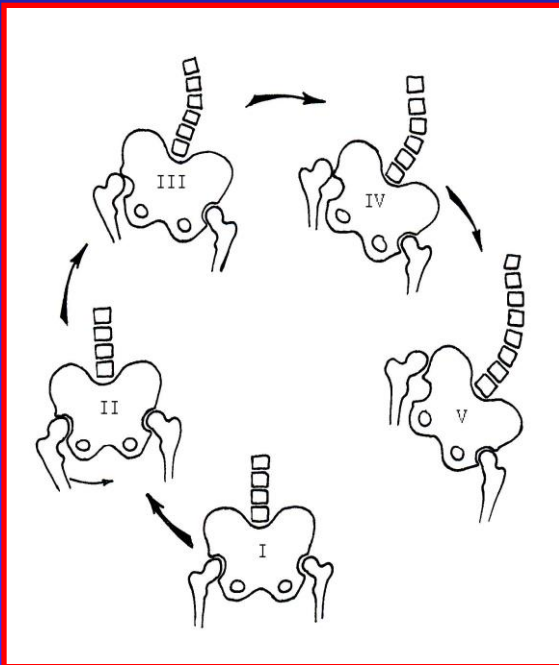
- 1st hip:
Flexion+abduction+external rotation
- 2nd hip
Adduction+internal rotation



- Hip dislocation
- Pelvic obliquity and rotation
- Scoliosis
- Different leg length



Wind hip deformity



Therapy of the neuromuscular spinal deformities

1. conservative

- disadvantages:
- low effect
 - poor tolerance of the orthosis
 - worsening of the cardiopulmonal functions
 - pressure sores

2. surgical

- indications:
- collapse and instability of the spine
 - progressivity in cardiopulmonal dysfunctions
 - back pain
 - tendence to pressure sores

Surgical therapy

- doesn't solve the primary affection
 - improving the secondary dysfunctions
-

Main aims of the surgical therapy:

- prevention of the deformity progression
- correction of the deformity
- improving of the sitting and standing stability
- compensation of the pelvic obliquity
- improving of the cardiopulmonal functions

Combination of the surgical techniques

LUQUE = segmental spinal
sublaminar instrumentation
with translation forces

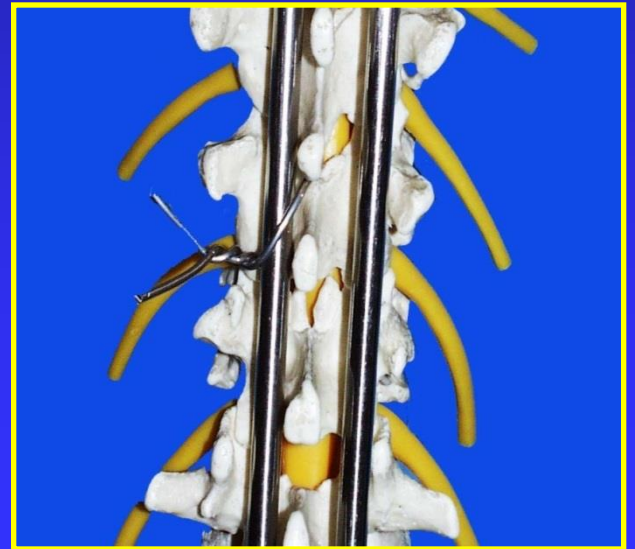
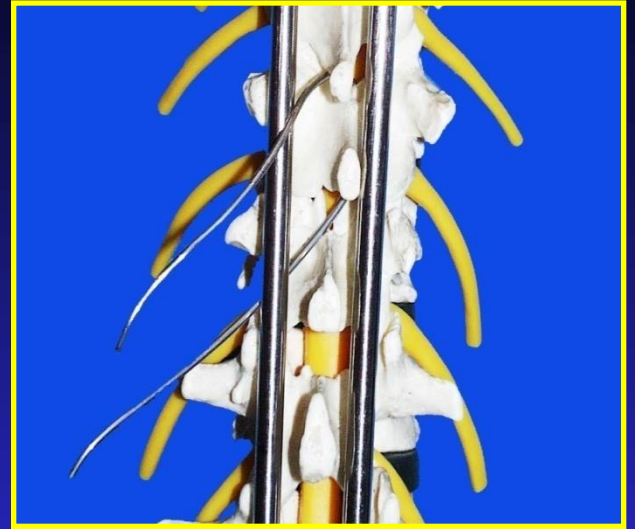
GALVESTON = pelvic stabilisation



Luque

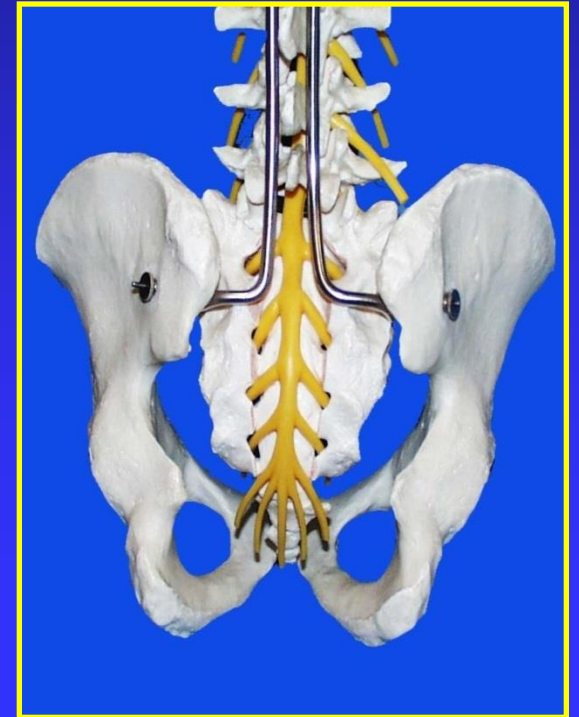
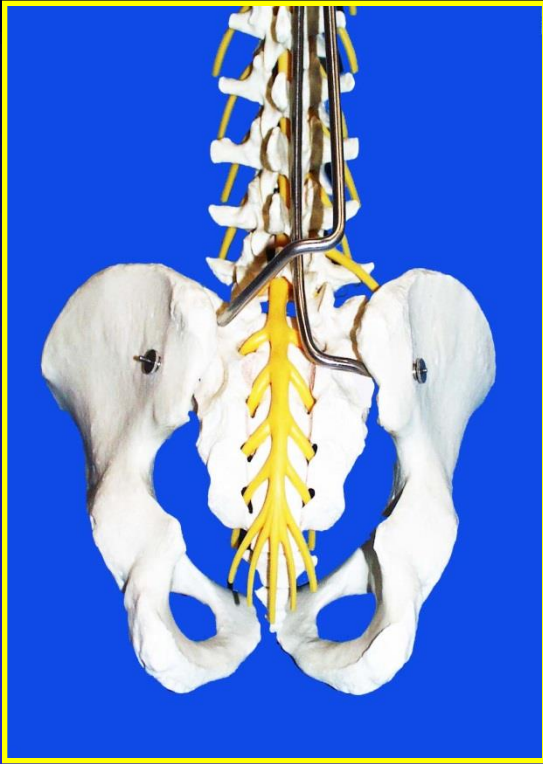
spinal segmental instrumentation

- good and safe correction
- stable instrumentation
- allows the release of the orthosis
- possibility of the extending
to the pelvis

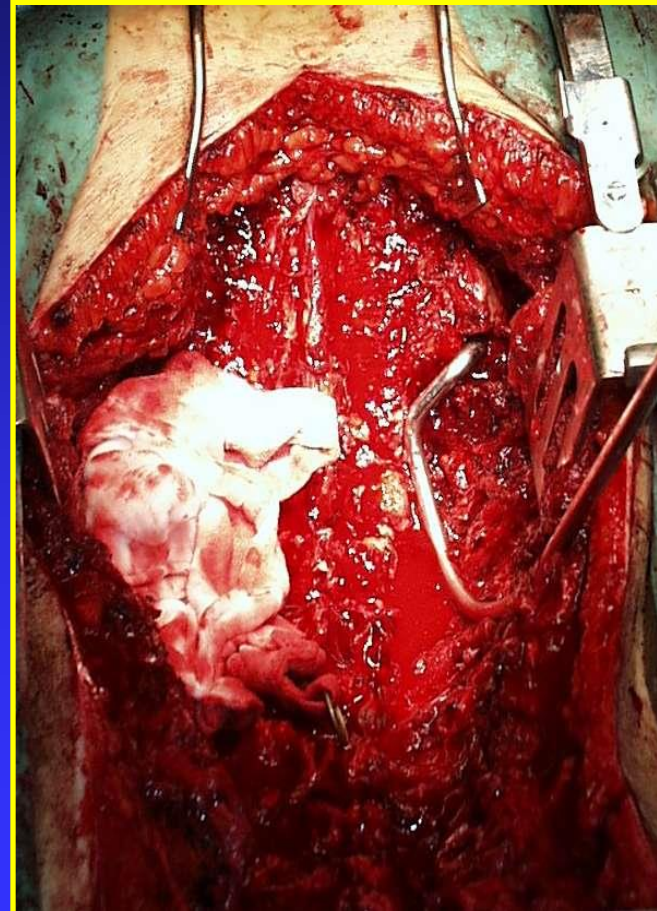
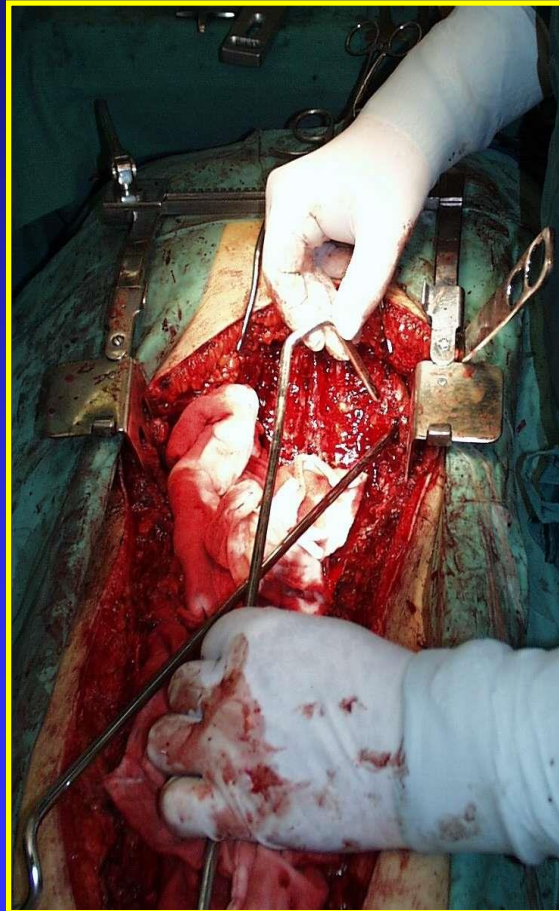
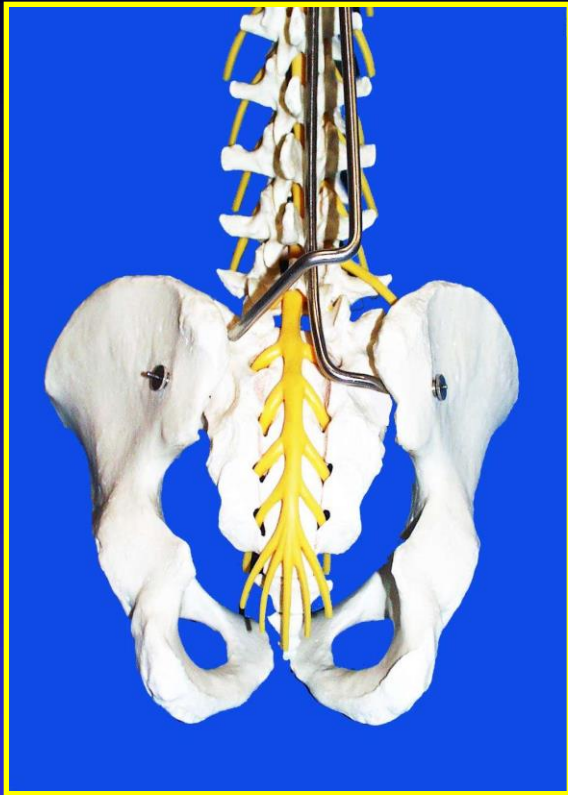


Galveston

pelvic stabilization



GALVESTON

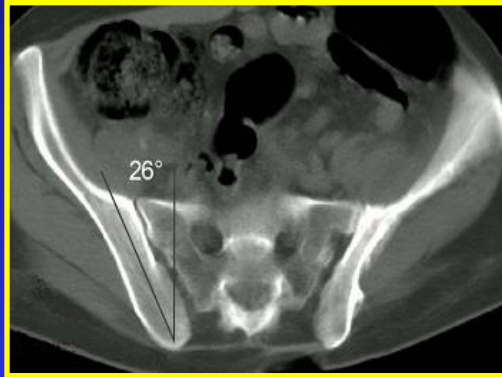


LUQUE + GALVESTON



Main complications in instrumentation

Incorrect implantation of the rod to the pelvis



Dislocation of the upper instrumentation part



Contemporary treatment

- transpedicular fixation

Other scoliosis

Neurofibromatosis

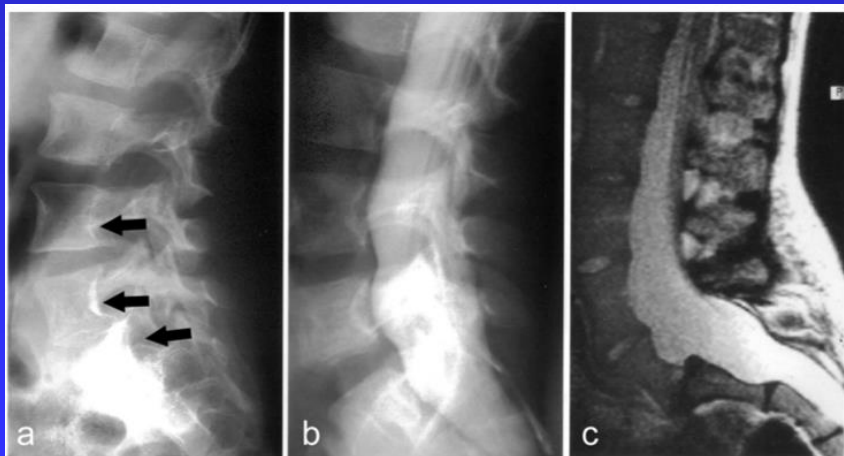


Neurofibromatosis „café au lait“



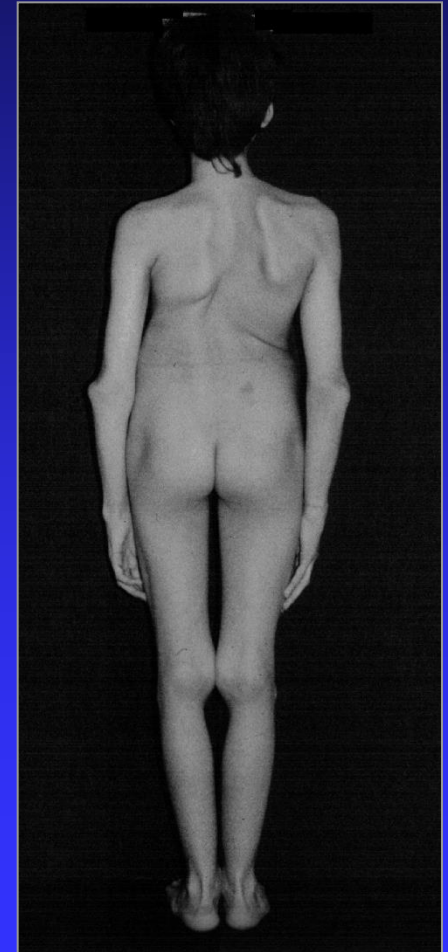
Neurofibromatosis

- Sharp curves
- High rate of pseudoarthrosis
- Reexploration of fusion



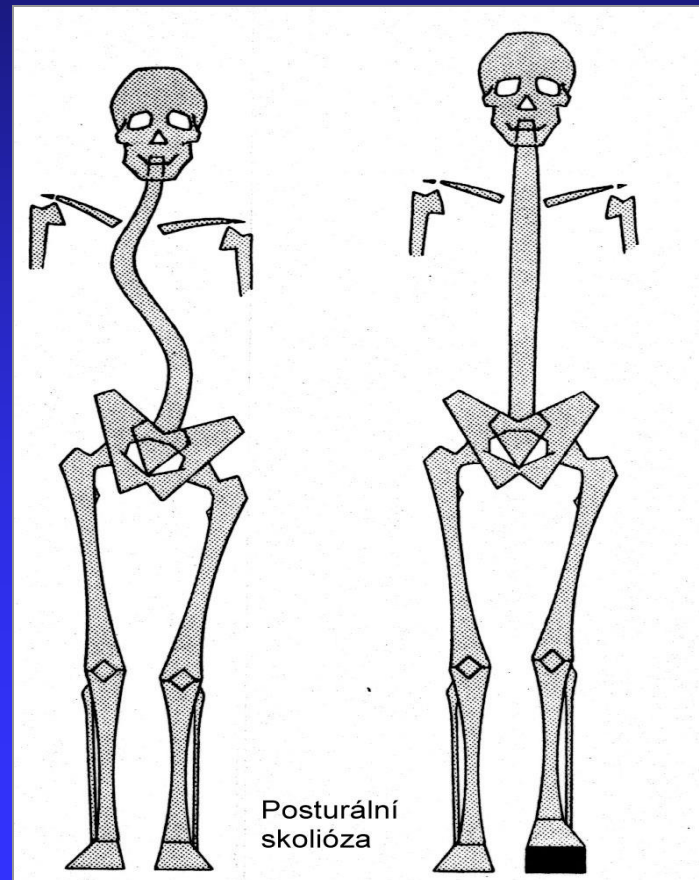
Scoliosis in other syndromas

- Osteochondrodystrofy
- Ehlers – Danlos
- Marfan
- Morquio
- O. imperfecta

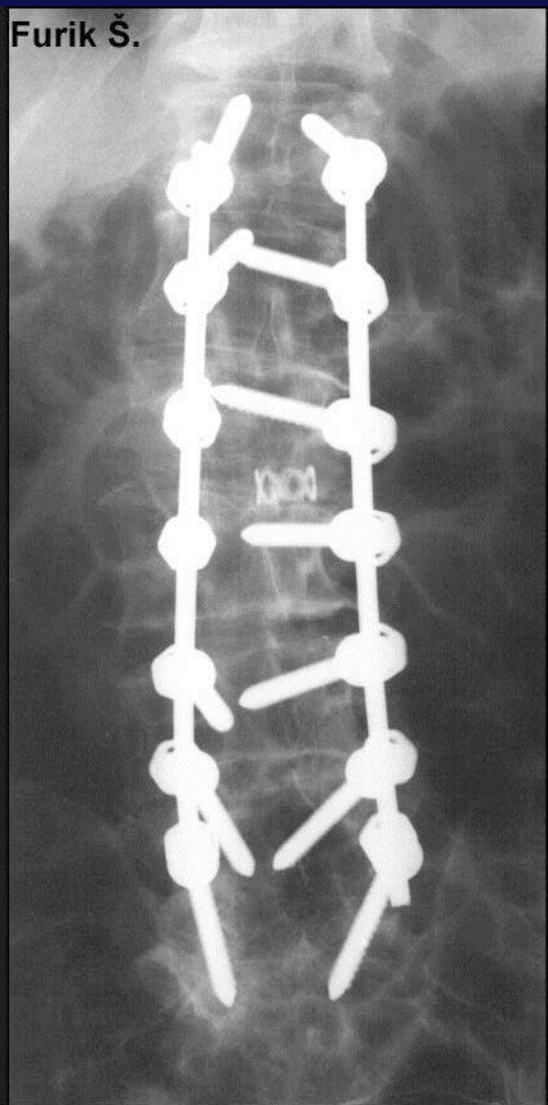
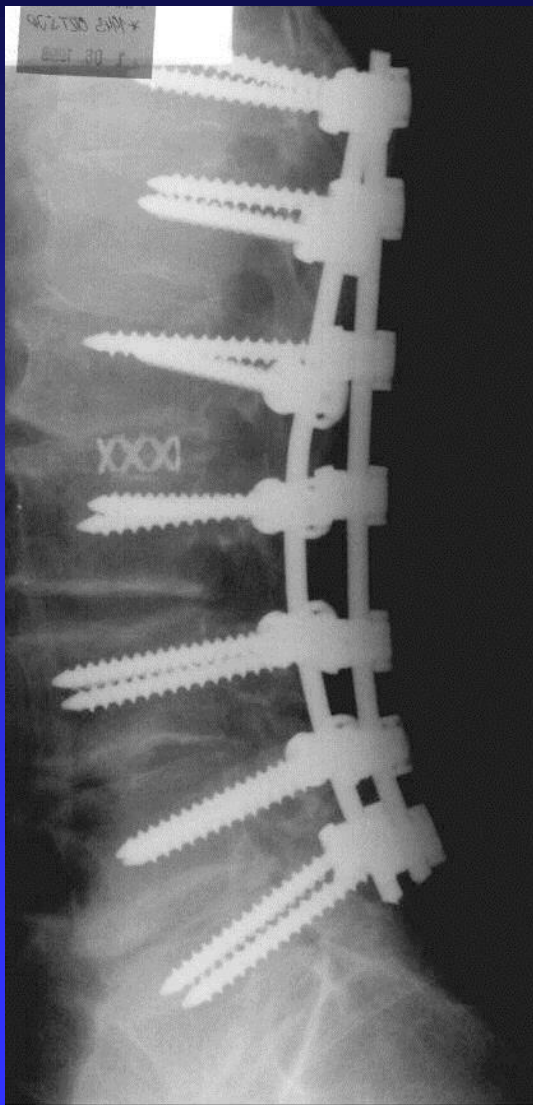
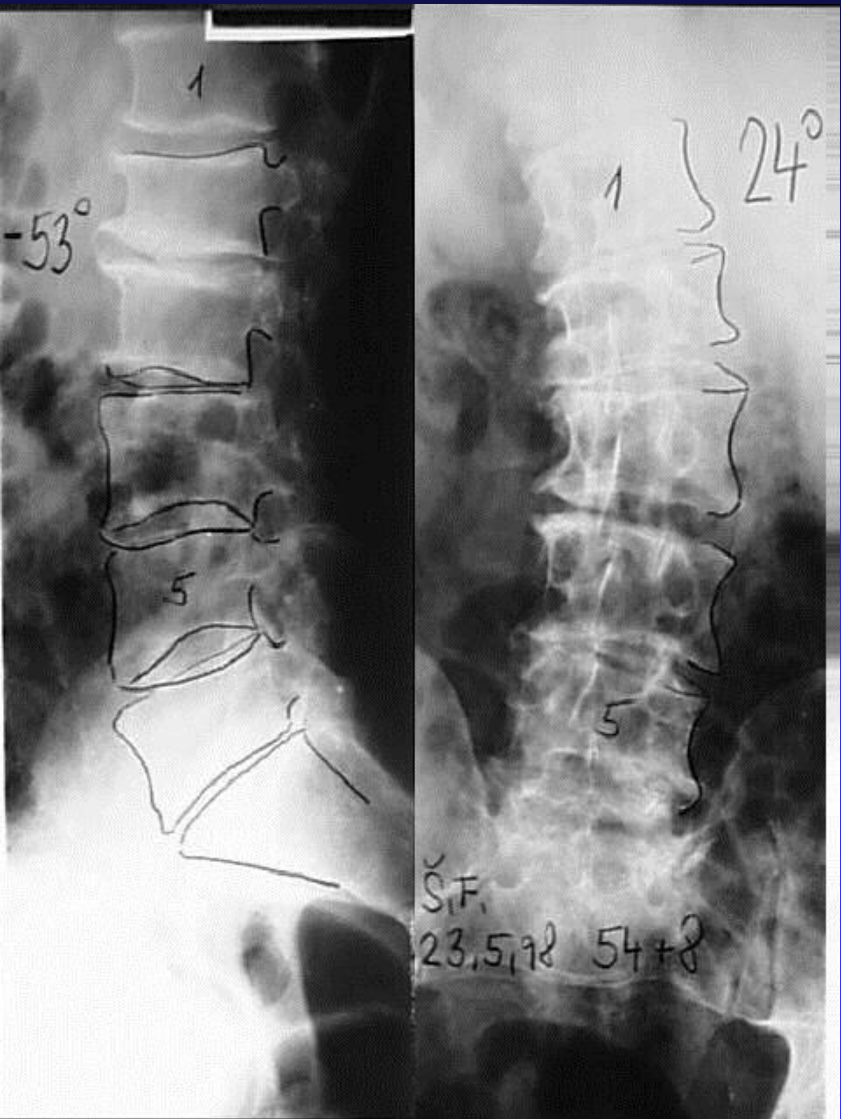


Secondary curves

- Postural
- Inflammations
- Tumours
- Hysteria
- Degenerative



Degenerative scoliosis



Complications of surgical therapy

Neurological complications

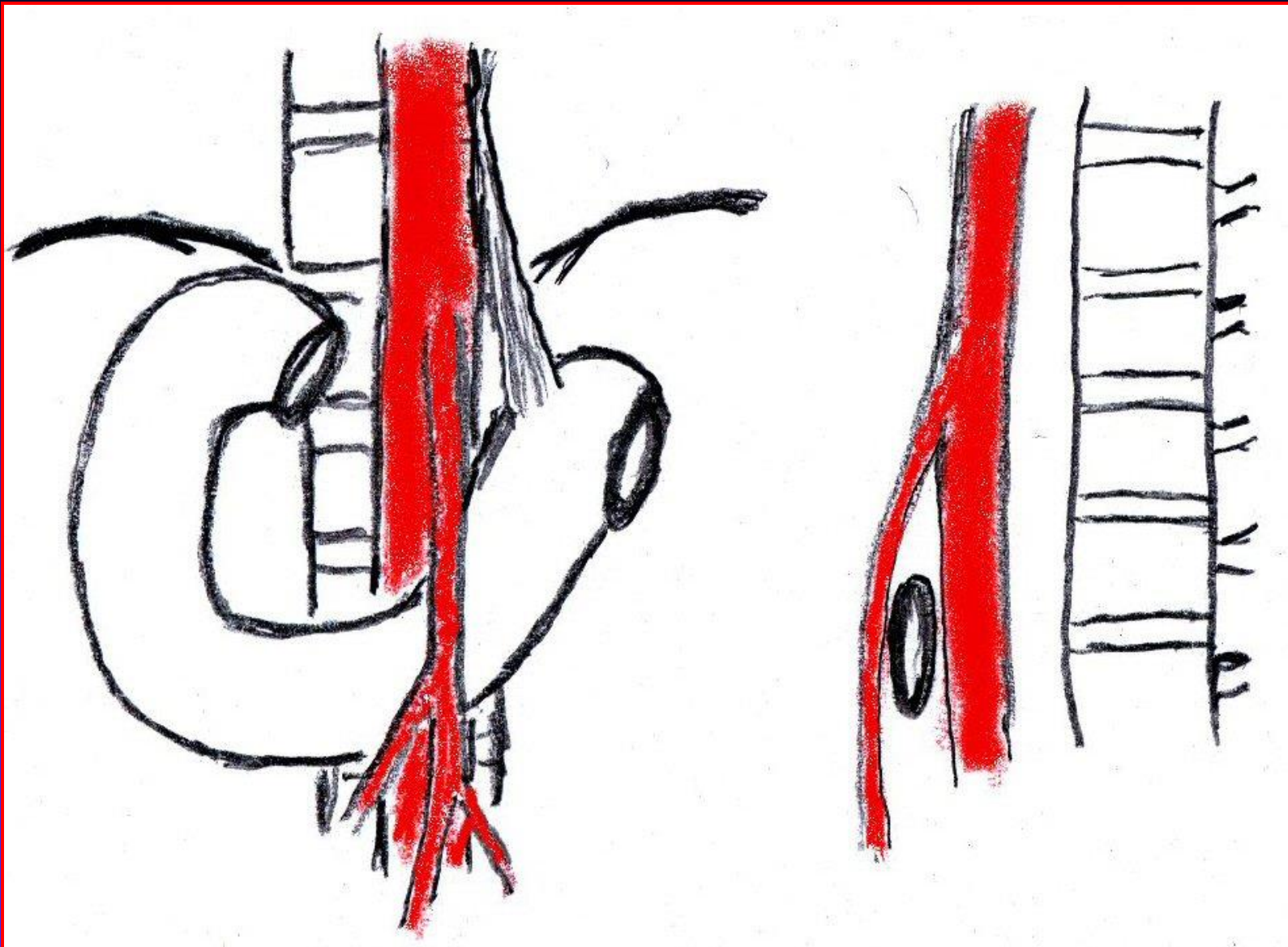
- ✓ perioperative – implantation of instruments
- ✓ overcorrection
 - ✓ – mechanical (spinal cord distraction)
 - ✓ – vascular

Cast syndrome

– vascular duodenal compression

- ✓ acute (postop., plaster)
- ✓ chronical (Wilke syndroma)

Duodenal compression in third part between
a. mesent. sup. and aorta with partial
duodenal obstruction

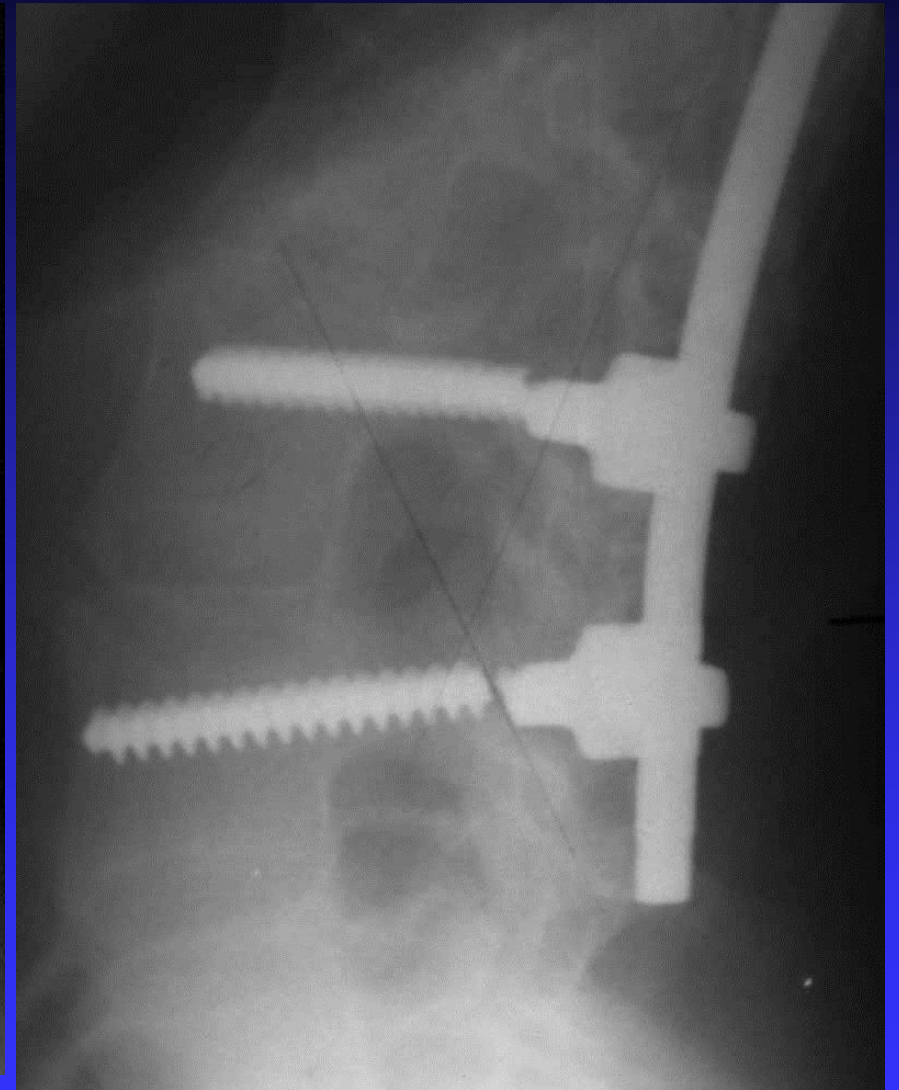
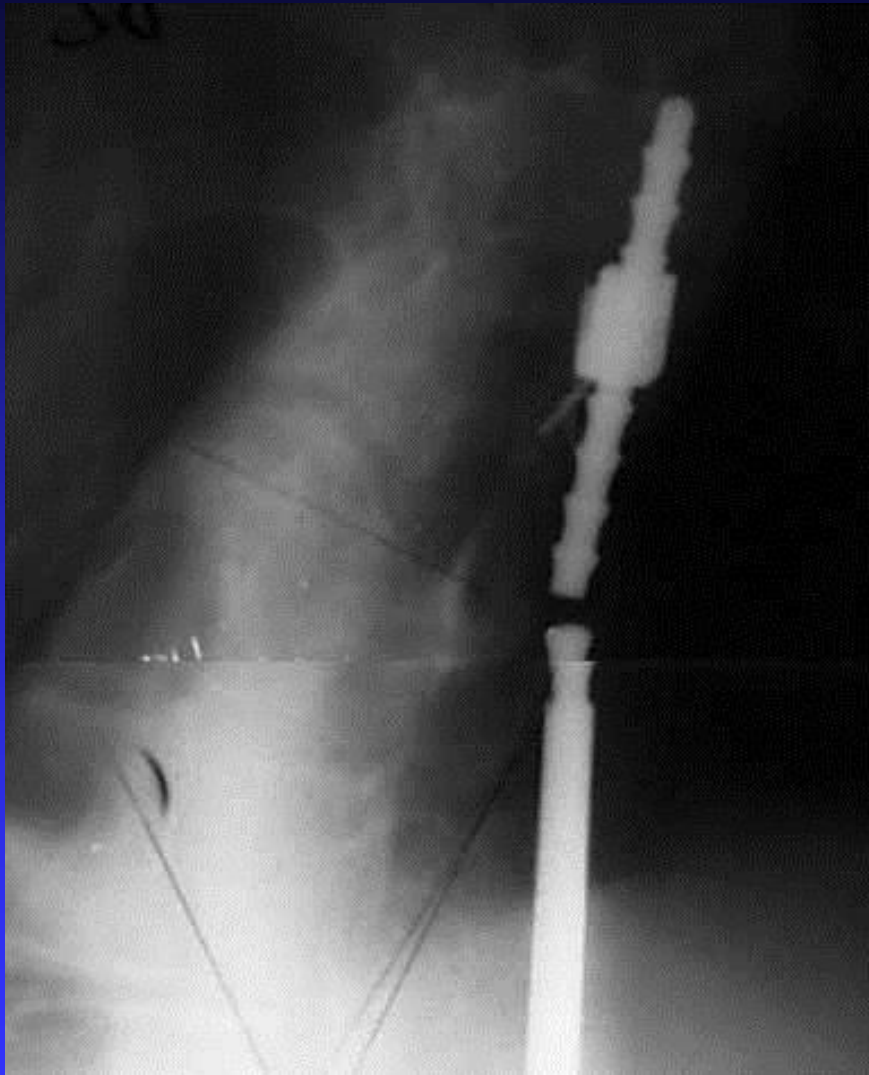


Therapy of cast syndrome

- ✓ intravenous nutrition
- ✓ nasogastric drain
- ✓ left side body position
- ✓ (side to side duodenojejunoanastomosis)

Later complications

- ✓ Pseudoarthrosis (loss of correction, pain, loosening of instrumentation)
- ✓ Bending of fusion during growth period
- ✓ Fracture in fusion



Infection complications

- ✓ superficial
- ✓ deep
- ✓ puncture, antibiotics
- ✓ surgical revision, drainage

Possible

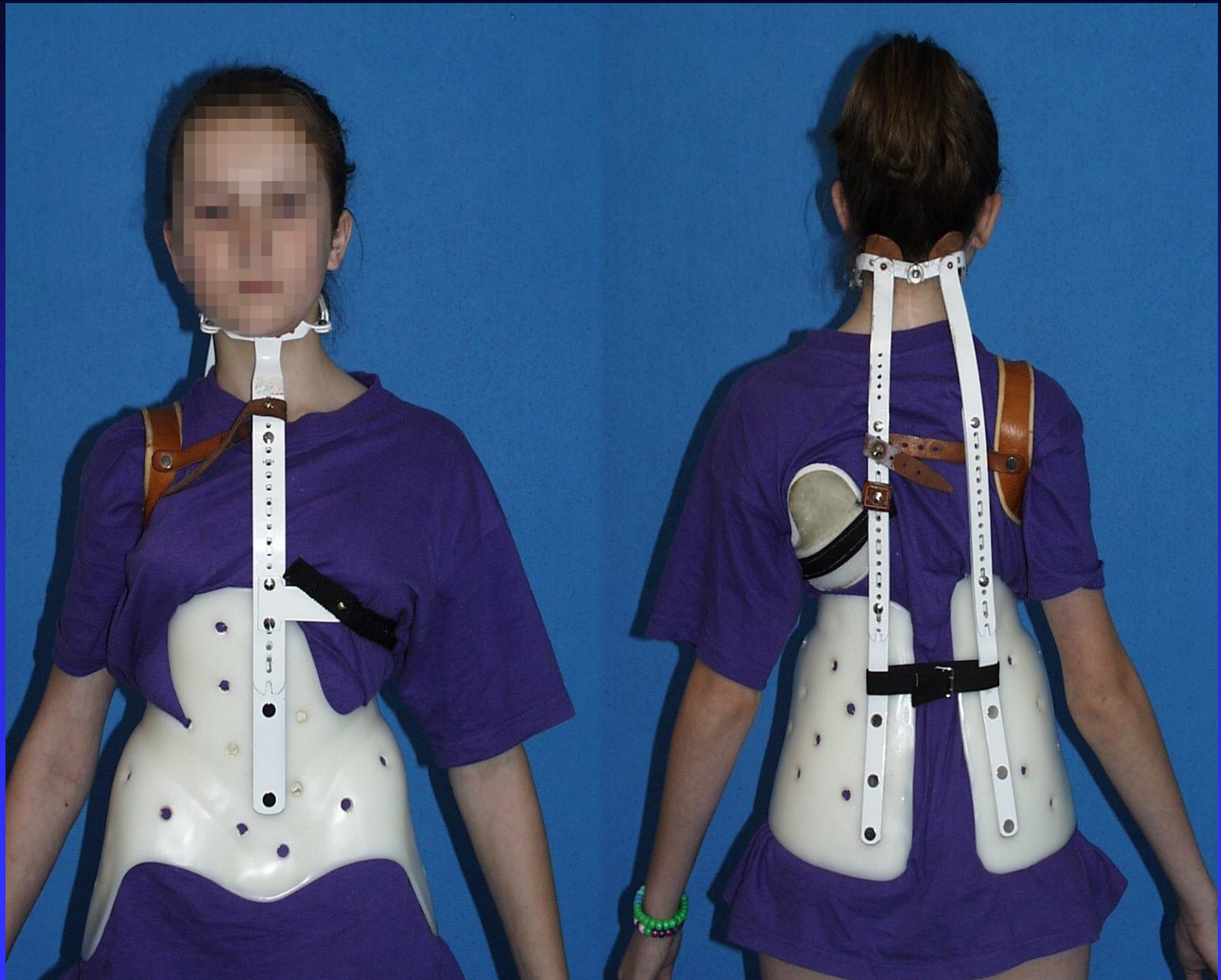
postoperative

fixations

1. Milwaukee brace

2. Plaster cast

3. Orthosis









Halo - cast

C-Th junction





verticalisation

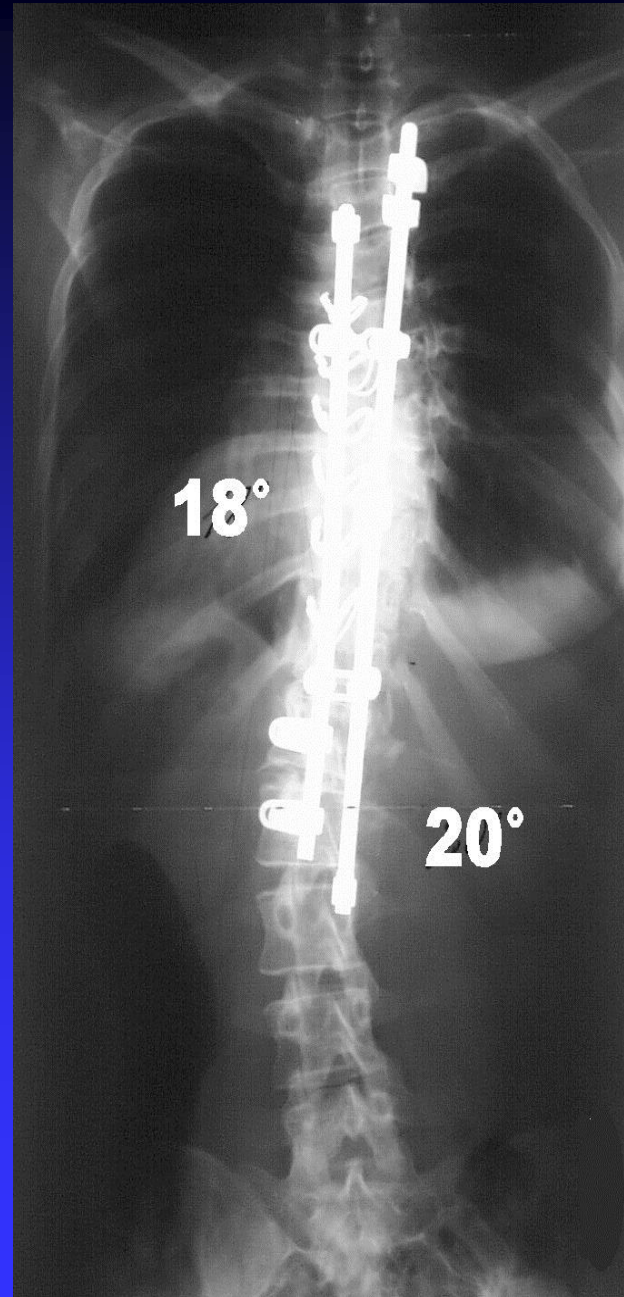
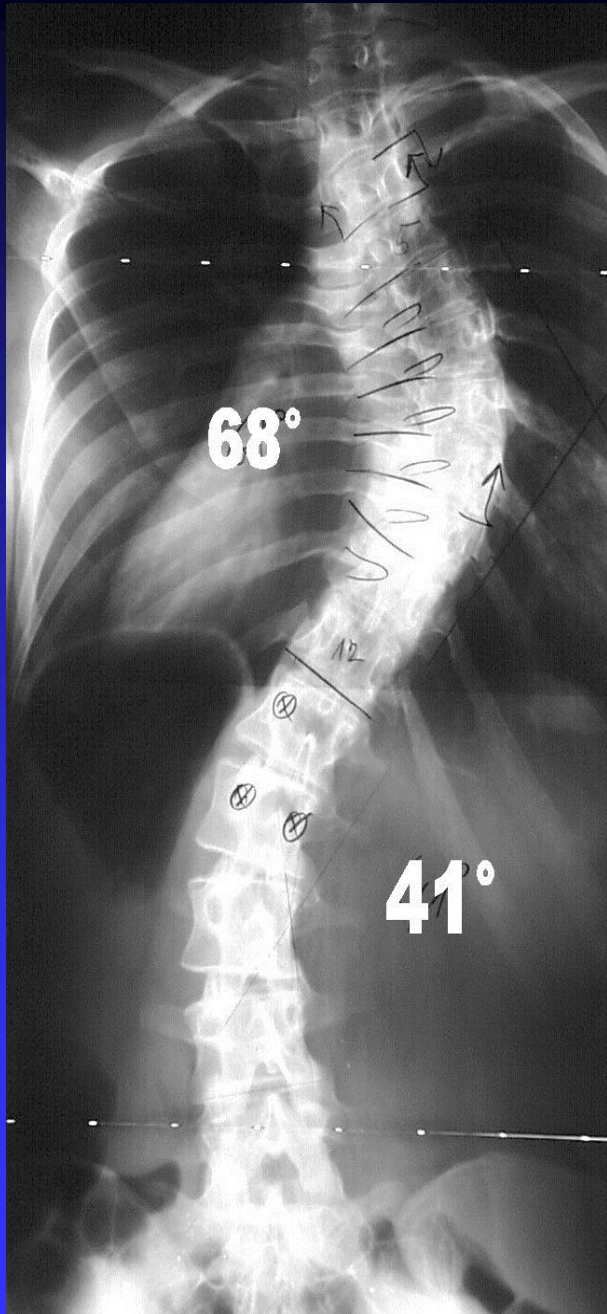




Pressure sores in plaster cast

- ✓ superficial – conservative treatment
- ✓ deep – surgical treatment – excision, suture
- ✓ Prevention – regular skin care









Skin observation

- Microscopic defects
- Red colour of skin
- Oedema and secretion



DEFORMITIES in SAGITTAL PLANE

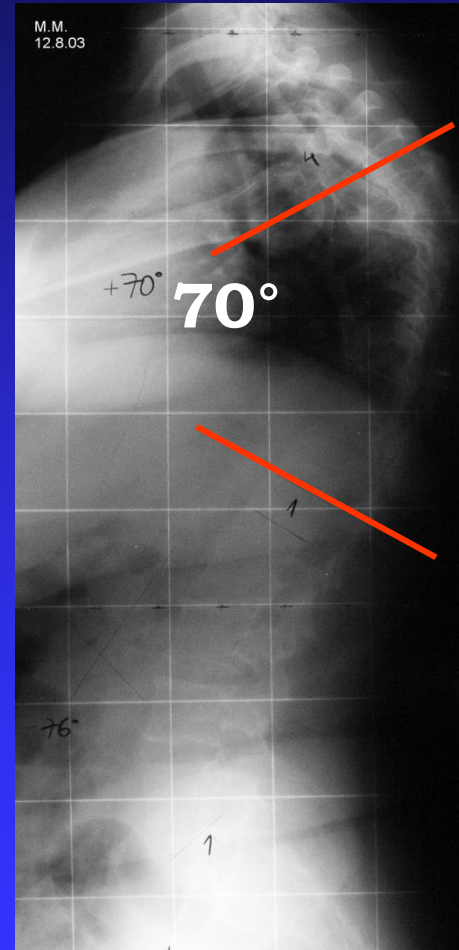
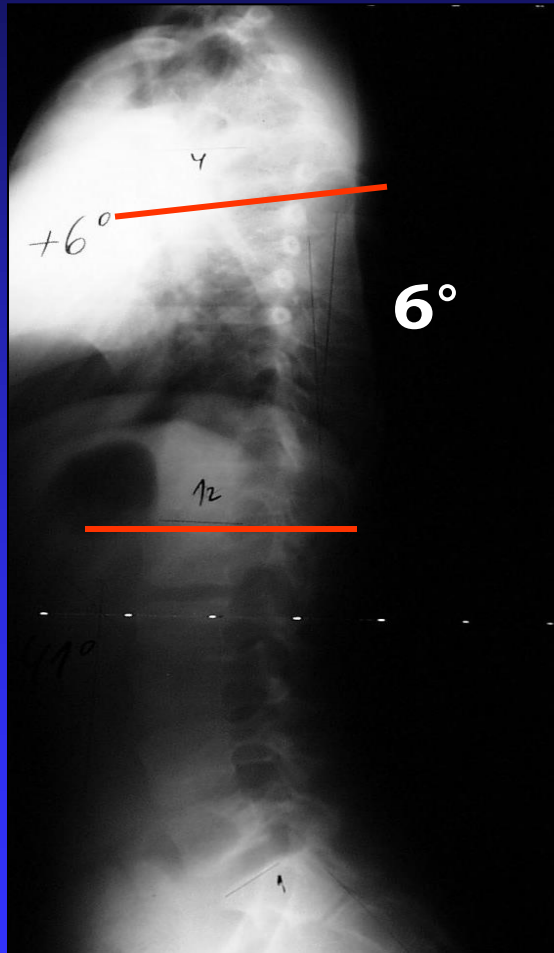
Etiological classification

HYPERKYPHOSIS

- Postural
- M. Scheuermann
- Congenital
- Neuromuscular
- in myelomeningocele
- Traumatic
- After surgical treatment

Hypo - Hyper kyphosis

normal range T5 - T12 = 20° - 40°



M.Scheuermann

kyphosis dorsalis juvenilis, adolescent kyphosis

- Vertebral plates incongruentio
- Intervetebreal spaces decreasing
- Wedge vertebral deformities over 5°
- Kyphosis over 40°

Therapy

- Physiotherapy
- Milwaukee brace
- Surgical treatment

