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Thoracic Function: A new Thoracic Performance Classification based on Dynamic Lung MRI with Identification of a new Mechanism for Restrictive Lung Disease in EOS, Posterior Obstructive Blockade of the Diaphragm



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What causes significant restrictive lung disease in EOS?

- Curve $> 110^\circ$

**-Pehrsson, Bake, Larsson,
Nachemson, Thorax ,1991**

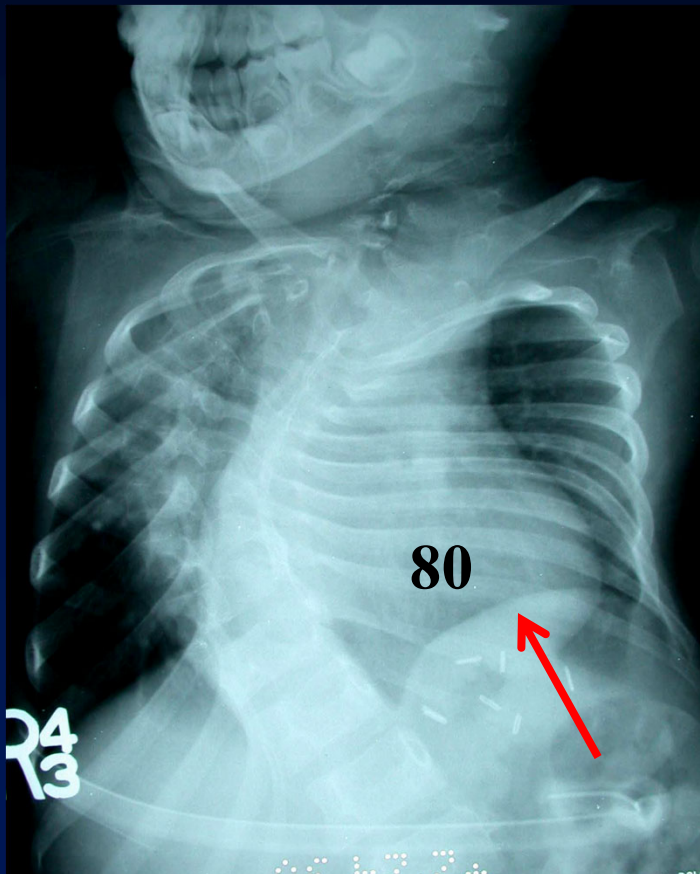
WHY ?

Primary Thoracic Insufficiency Syndrome

- Campbell, Smith JBJS 2004

Spine Deformity

- Scoliosis
- Rotation

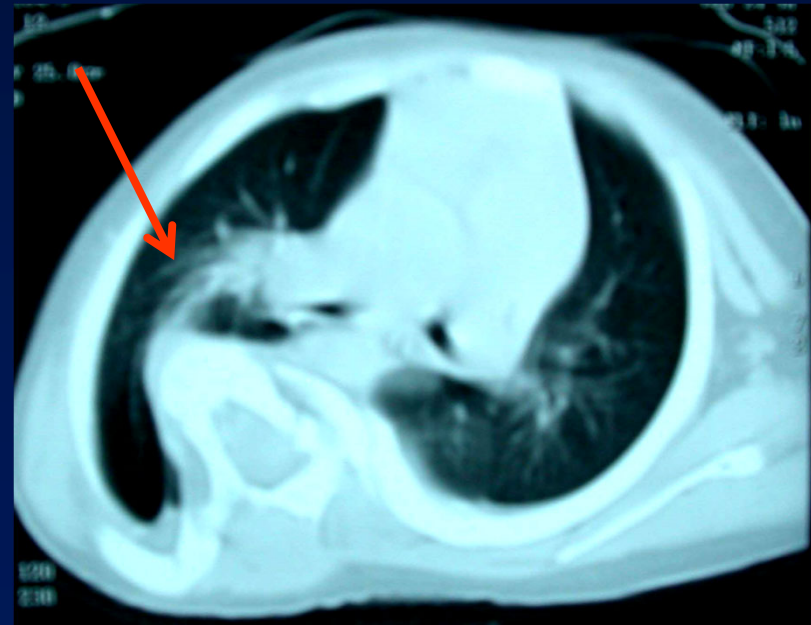


Effect on Rib Cage

“Wind Swept Thorax”

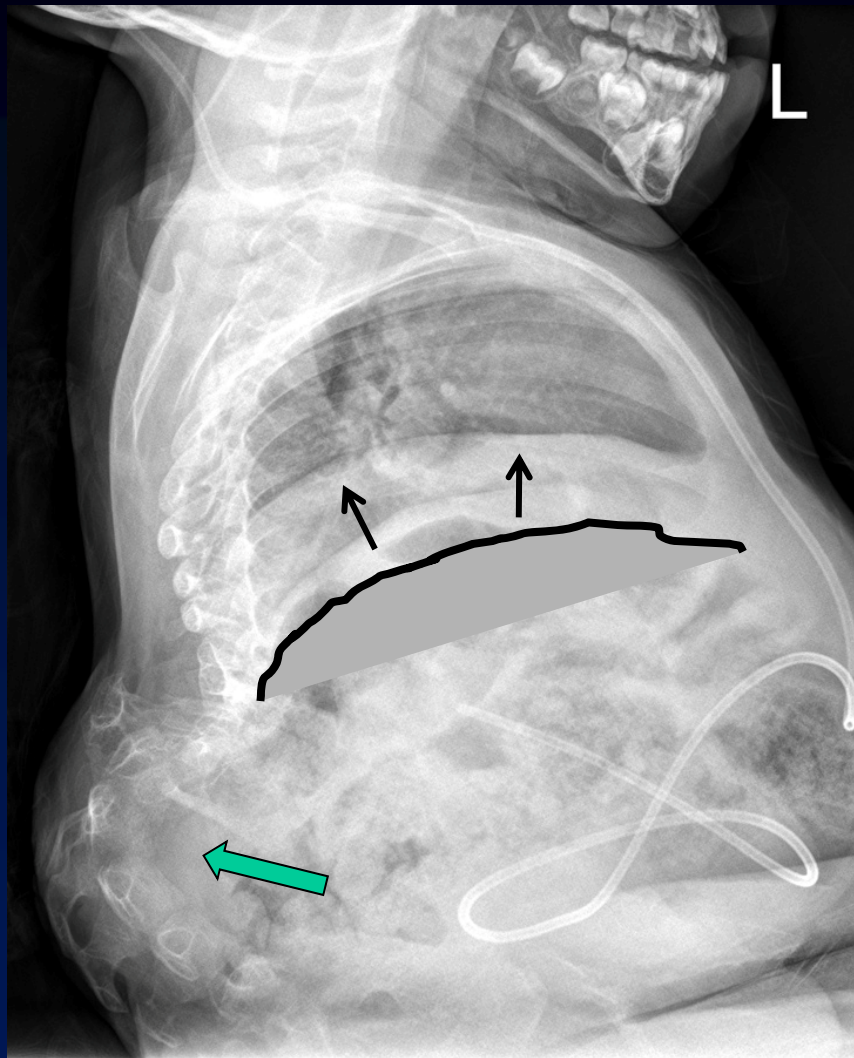
- Volume Reduction of Lung
- Motion Restriction of Ribs

– Campbell, Smith et al
JBJS 2003



Secondary Thoracic Insufficiency Syndrome

- Campbell, Smith JBJS 2004



Methods

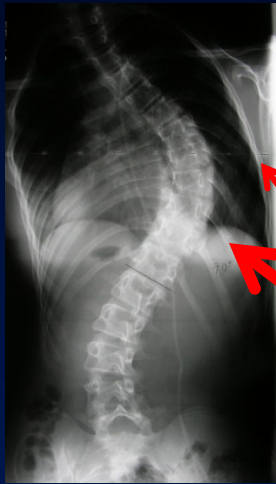
- 6 Males, 4 Females
- Age 5.8 yrs (9 mo-10.75 yrs)
- All had TIS
- Supine Dynamic Lung MRI , most under sedation/gen anesthesia, spontaneous breathing

Each hemi-thorax graded



- 1- Intact motion of both chest wall and diaphragm
- 2- primarily loss of chest wall motion with minimal diaphragm abnormality
- 3- substantial loss of diaphragm excursion with minimal loss or compensatory hyper-kinesis of chest wall,
- 4- substantial loss of both diaphragm and chest wall motion.

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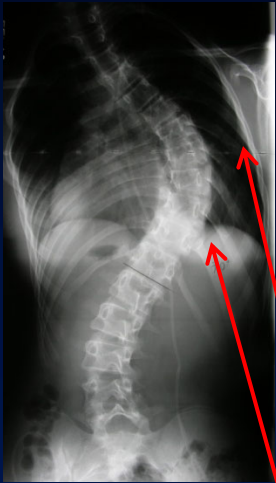
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Thoracic Function Score

- Average of
Rt Hemithorax grade and Lt
Hemithorax Grade

Levels of Clinical Thoracic Performance

- Level I thorax : 1 -1.5
- Level II thorax : $> 1.5 - 2.5$
- Level III thorax : $>2.5 -3.5$
- Level IV thorax : $> 3.5 - 4.0$

9 EOS pts

- 2 were level I
- 3 were level II
- 4 were Level III

- 1 pt with hypoplastic thorax without scoliosis was Level II .

PFT's and Thoracic Score

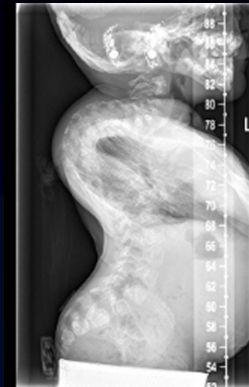
- Level I FVC 98% nl (I) 98% nl
- Level II FVC 63% nl
- Level II FVC 91% nl (II) 71% nl
- Level II FVC 58% nl
- Level III FVC 36% nl
- Level III FVC 71% nl (III) 61% nl
- Level III FVC 75% nl

Posterior Obstructive Blockade of Diaphragm

- In 4 patients there was a surprisingly marked posterior obstruction of diaphragmatic excursion by soft tissue organs.

POBD

- Level III FVC 75% nl



- Level III



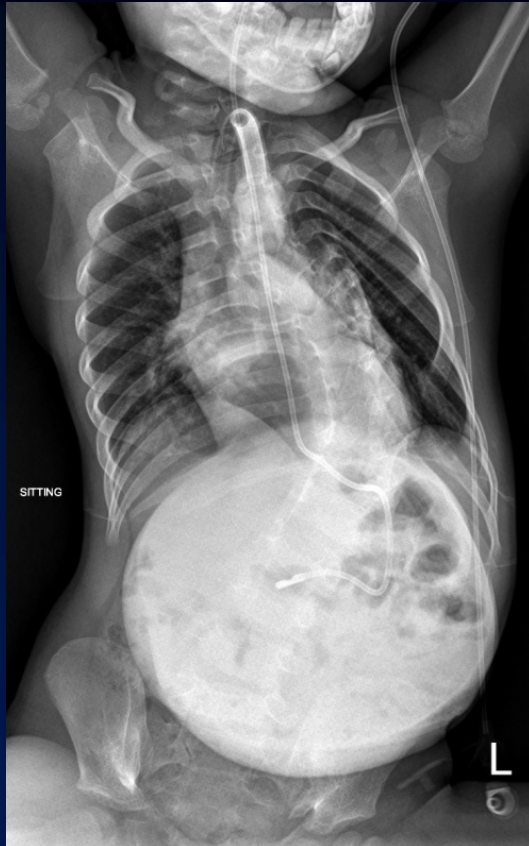
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- Level II FVC 58% nl

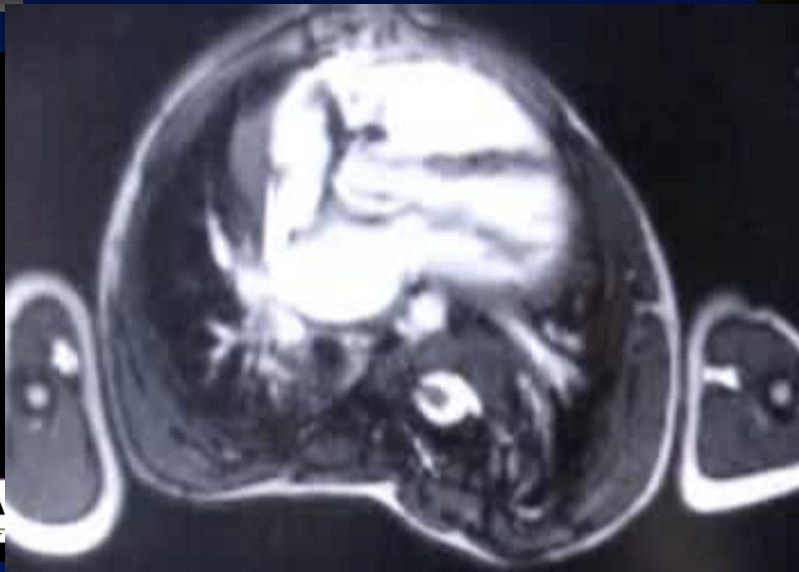
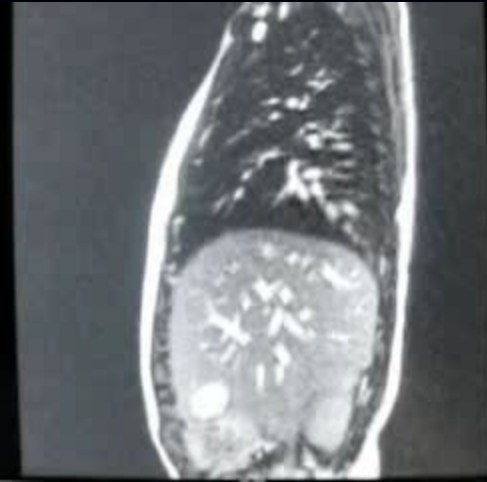
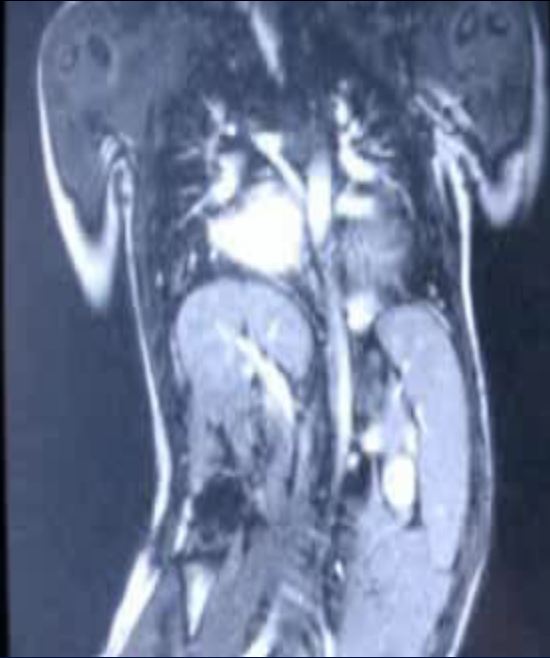
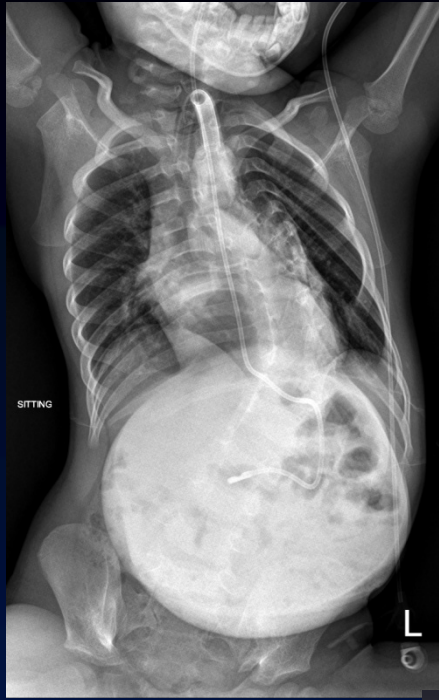


Giant omphalocele



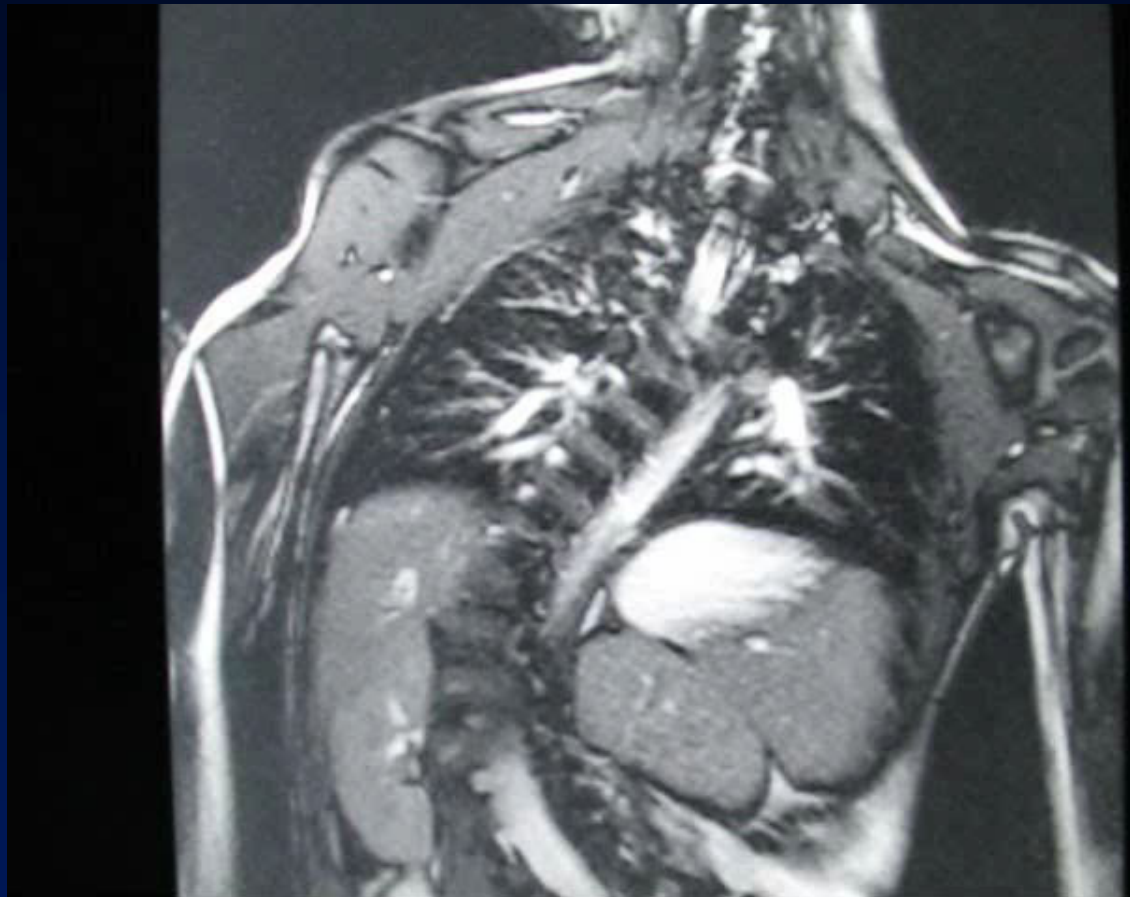
- Level III thorax
- FVC 36% nl



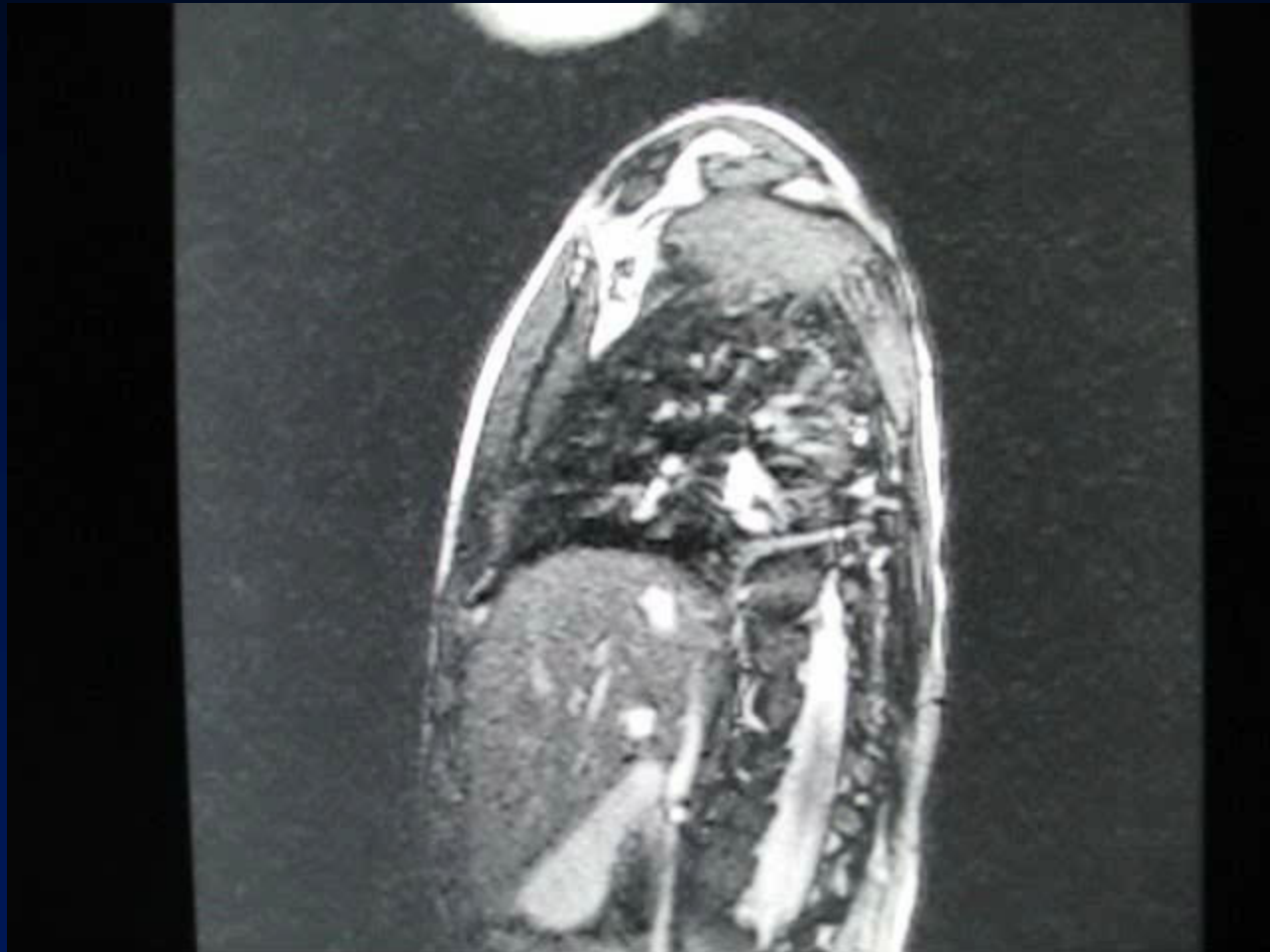


Neuromuscular scoliosis

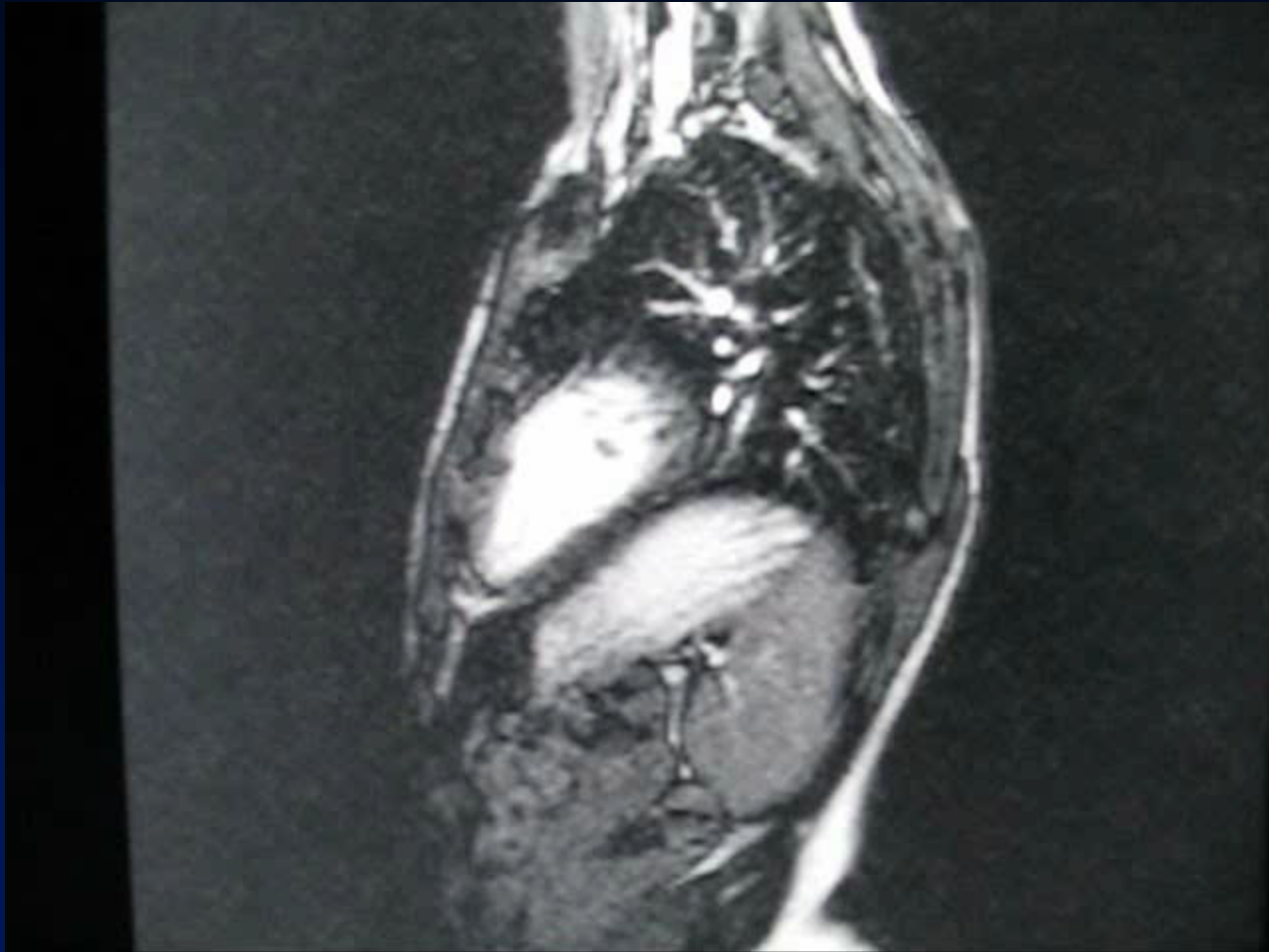
Level II thorax, FVC 58% nl



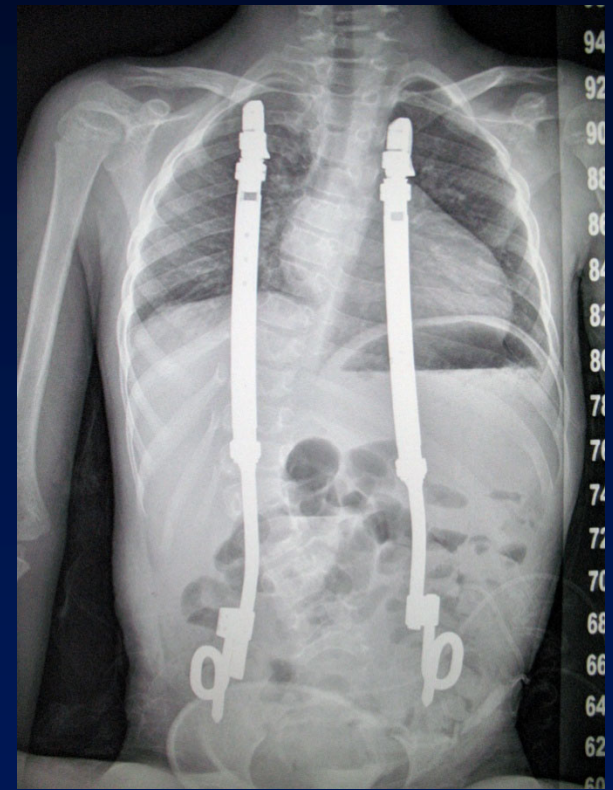
Concave side



Convex side



Will this relieve POBD?



Conclusions

- Posterior Obstructive Blockade of the Diaphragm may help explain severity of restrictive lung disease in EOS
- More research will help refine our understanding of this new finding
- Thoracic Function Score is a way to look at the biomechanical basis of restrictive lung disease in EOS

Thank
You!

