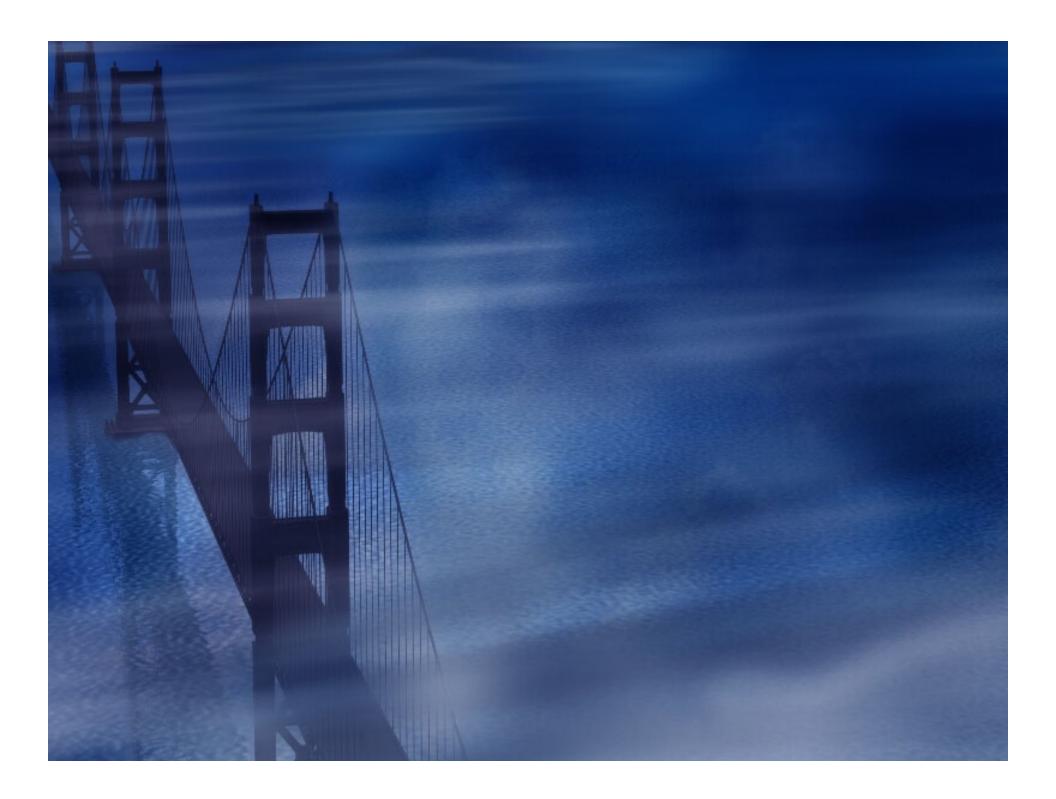
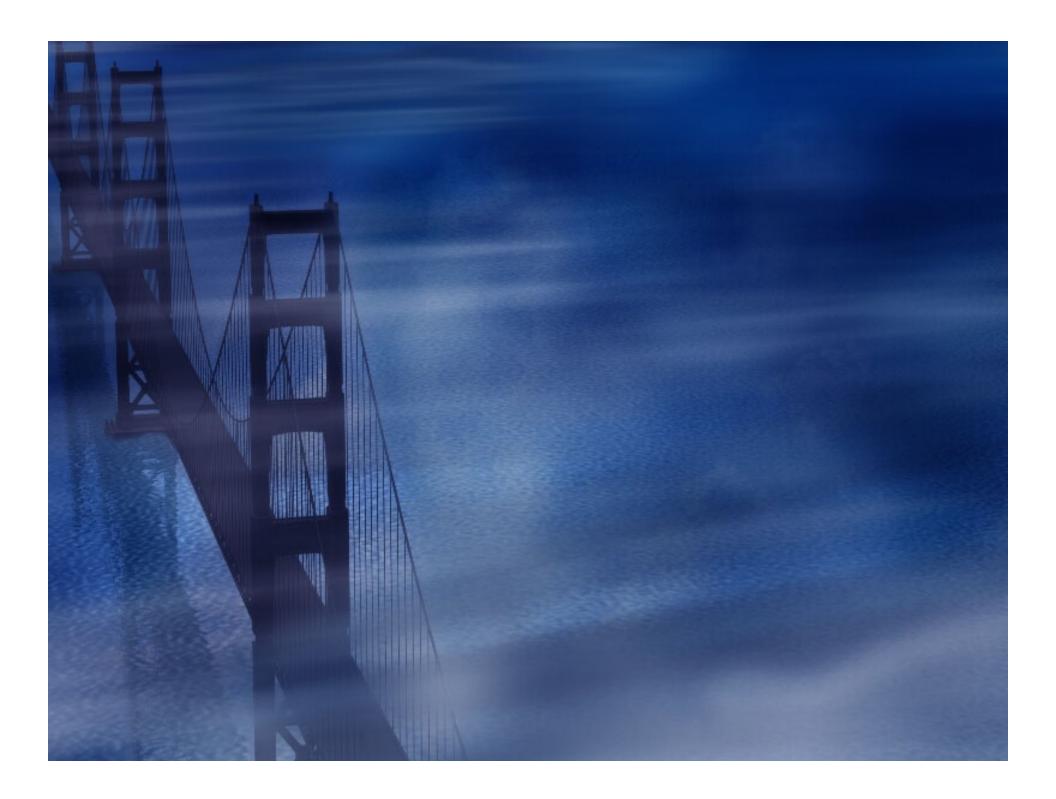


Introduction

- Vertebral column resection (VCR) is a removal of all three columns of the spine that enables multiplanar translation necessary to correct severe deformities.
- VCR was originally described as a two stage procedure with the use of posterior instrumentation.
- Vertebral column resection through a posterior only approach (PVCR) is an ideal procedure for the treatment of hypherkyphosis.







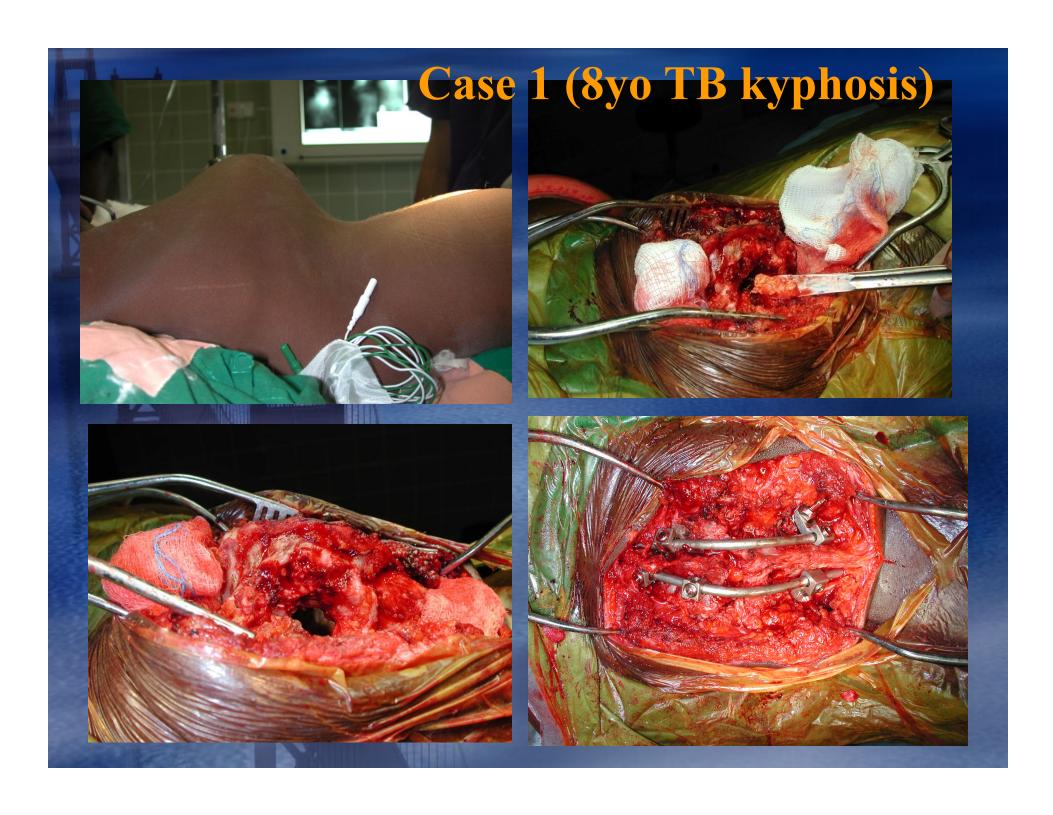
Methods

- 19 patients with severe, rigid, angular postinfectious and congenital hyper-kyphosis (mean kyphosis: 99⁰)
- Deformity apex was in the thoracic spine (T1-T11) in 4 patients, in the thoracolumbar (T12-L1) in 11 and in the lumbar (L2-L5) spine in 4 patients.
- Instrumentation comprised of hooks (2), hybrid (8), and all screws (9).
- A anterior structural titanium cage was used in 10 patients.

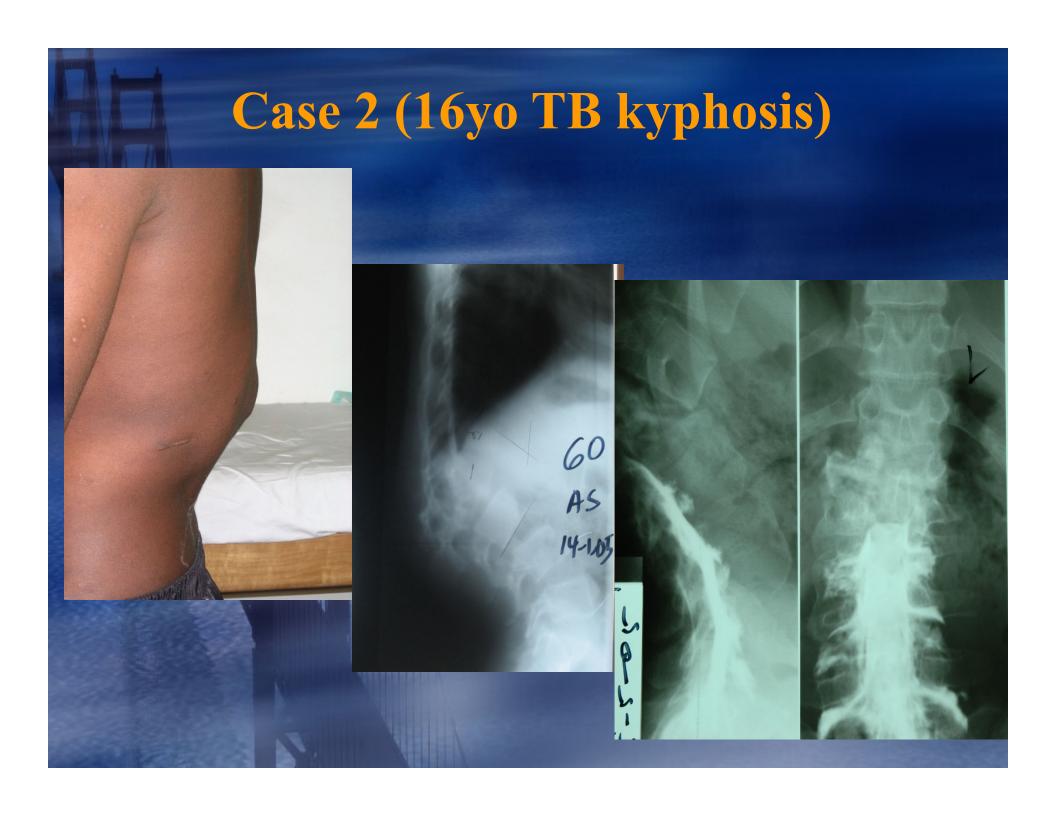
Demographics

PVCR Review of	19	pediatric	pts
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Total Patients	19 (male 4, Female 15)
Age (average/range)	13.3 (5 – 21)
Weight (average/range)	29.58 kg (13 – 55)
Follow up (average/range)	35.15 months (5 – 79mo)
Diagnosis types	14 TB/ 5 Congenital
Average pre Kyphosis	99.05 (range 57-160 ⁰)
Average Post Kyphosis	46.73 (range 22-70°)
Average EBL	1165.6 (range 350 to 2000)
Levels Fused (average/range)	9.1 (4-13)









Results

- Deformity apex was in the thoracic spine (T1-T11) in 4 patients, in the thoracolumbar (T12-L1) in 11 and in the lumbar (L2-L5) spine in 4 patients.
- Number of levels resected averaged 2.15 (range 1 to 5).
- The average EBL was 1165cc (350-2000cc).
- Kyphosis (was 99⁰ preoperatively)was corrected to 47⁰ (p < 0.001).

Outcomes (SRS-22)

SRS	Pre op (18/19 scores submitted)	Post Op (16/19 scores submit)	P-value
Function activity	2.67	2.98	P>0.05
Pain	3.38	3.05	NS
Self image	2.16	4.14	p < 0.001
Mental health	3.31	3.35	NS
Satisfaction	3.26	3.43	NS
total	3.00	3.54	p<0.05

Complications

- •7 in total (31.5%)/ 4 reoperations
 - •2 intraoperative SSEPs/MEPs changes that recovered fully at the time of the operation
 - 1 post-operative deterioration of myelopathy (not associated to the surgery)
 - •1 psoas abscess (TB) that was drained
 - 1 pseudarthrosis at the L5-S1 level (reoperated)
 - two dislodgement of the proximal hooks and proximal junctional kyphosis at one year post-op (reoperated)

Conclusions

- PVCR is effective for the correction of major kyphosis
- Neurosurveillance (motor evoked potentials-MEPs) permits close monitoring of the cord
- All screws instrumentation constructs are safe and effective
- Exchanging rods or in-situ bending safer than cantilever maneuvers

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