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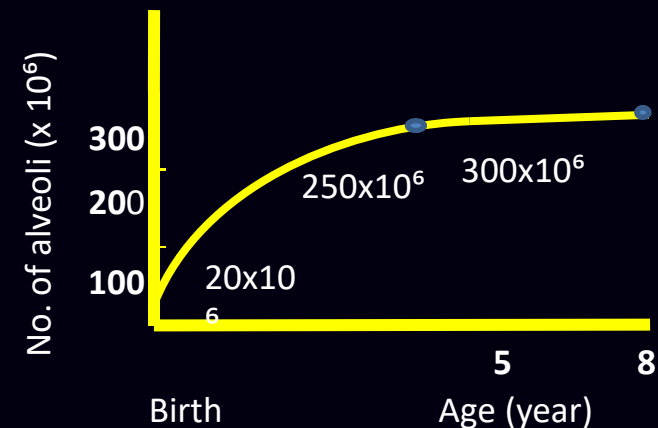
## **EARLY ONSET NEUROMUSCULAR SCOLIOSIS**

- **Children with neuromuscular disease frequently develop a progressive scoliosis and respiratory compromise**
- **Constriction of the chest cavity as a result of a spinal deformity restricts lung growth and will contribute to further pulmonary complications.**

# Lung development

Lung development up to the age 5 is important because:

- 20 million alveoli at birth
- but
- 300 million alveoli at the age of 5



Early growth disturbance compromises thoracic volume

# **EARLY ONSET NEUROMUSCULAR SCOLIOSIS**

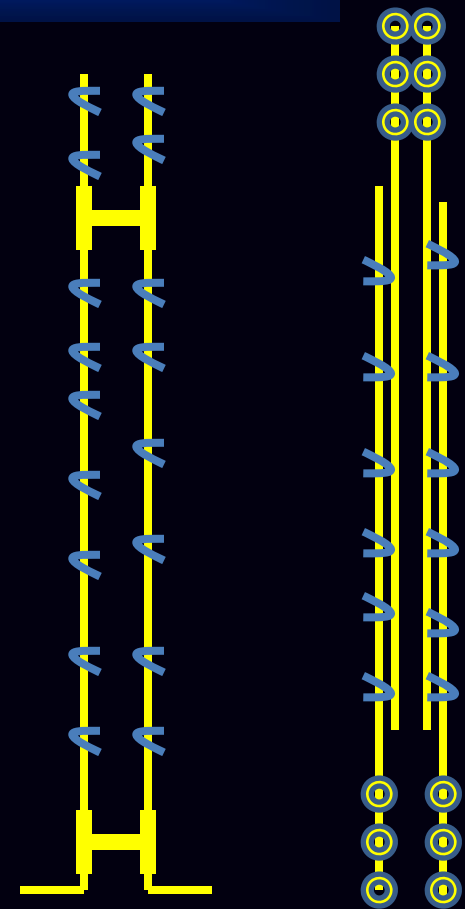
**Various surgical techniques have been employed to correct EONMS**

## **Limitations :**

- **Lack of segmental control**
- **Loss of sagittal balance**
- **Multiple surgeries**
- **High rate of complications**

# Definitive Self Growing Rod Constructs

- We have been using two different definitive growing rod constructs based on the Luque trolley.
- These constructs have enabled us to achieve and maintain the correction during spinal growth.



Sliding H Bar  
Construct

Screw + Wire  
Construct

# **Early Onset Neuromuscular Scoliosis Self Growing Constructs**

- **This retrospective analysis involves 16 patients with EONMS treated between 1998-2010 with self growing constructs.**

## **Objective:**

- **To evaluate the structural effectiveness, degree of correction, spinal growth and complications with these Constructs.**

# **Self Growing Constructs in Early Onset Neuromuscular Scoliosis 1998-2010**

- **Sex** 16 pts ( 9 M, 7 F )
- **Age** 7.1 yrs ( 5-8 yrs)
- **Instrumentation** T2-S1 ( pelvic fixation )



# Self Growing Constructs in Early Onset Neuromuscular Scoliosis

- **Hospital Stay** 7.6 days ( 6-10 days)
- **PICU Stay** 1.3 days ( 1-3 days)
- **Follow up** 3.2 yrs ( 24 mon-13 yrs)

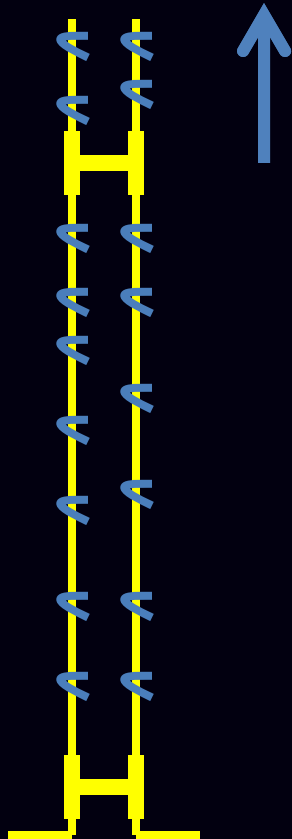
# **Self Growing Rod Constructs in Early Onset Neuromuscular Scoliosis**

## **Diagnosis**

- |                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| ■ SMA Type 2       | 6 pts |
| ■ SMA Type 3       | 4 pts |
| ■ Hypotonia        | 2 pts |
| ■ Cong M Dystrophy | 3 pt  |
| ■ CP               | 1 pt  |

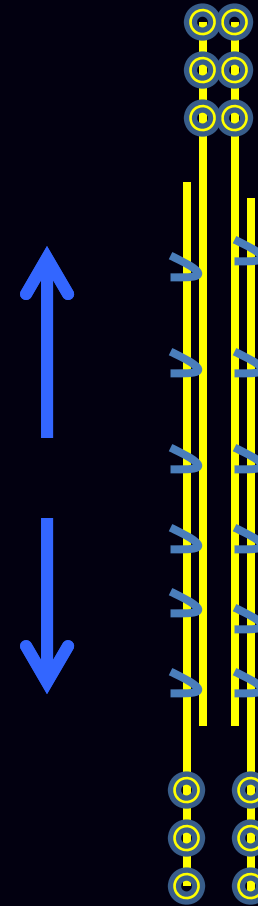
# Self Growing Rod Constructs

9 pts



Sliding H Bar  
Construct

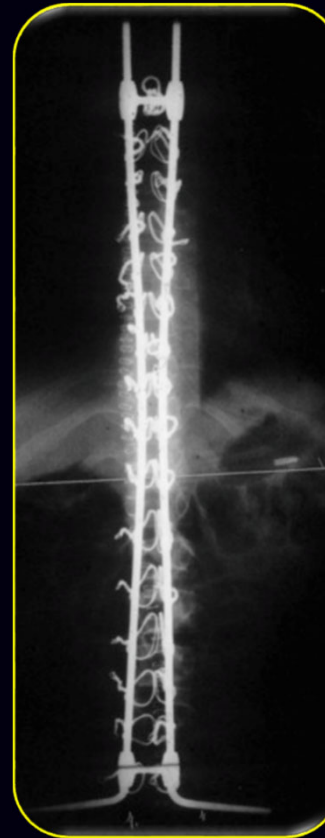
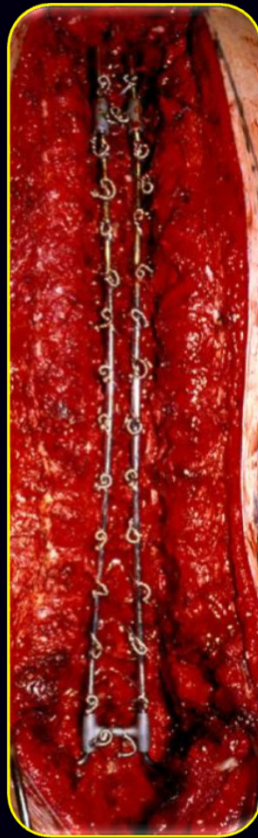
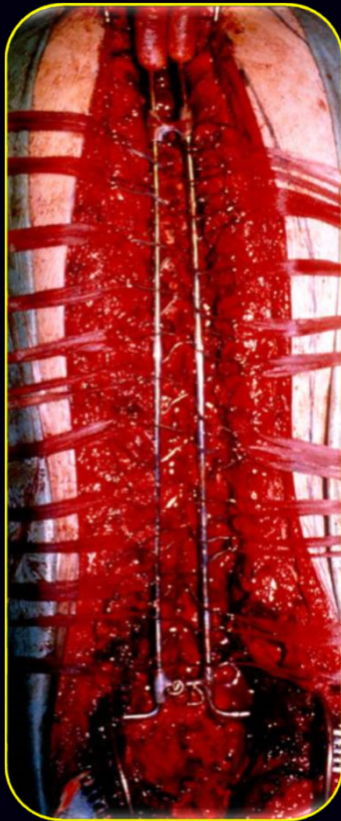
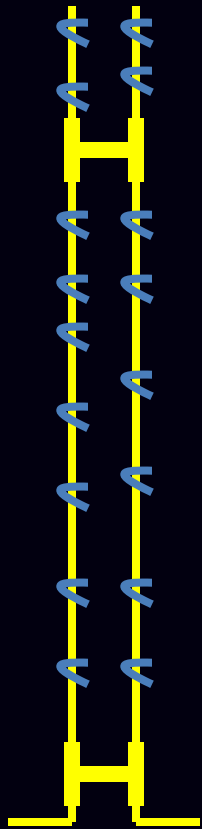
7 pts



Screw + Wire  
Construct

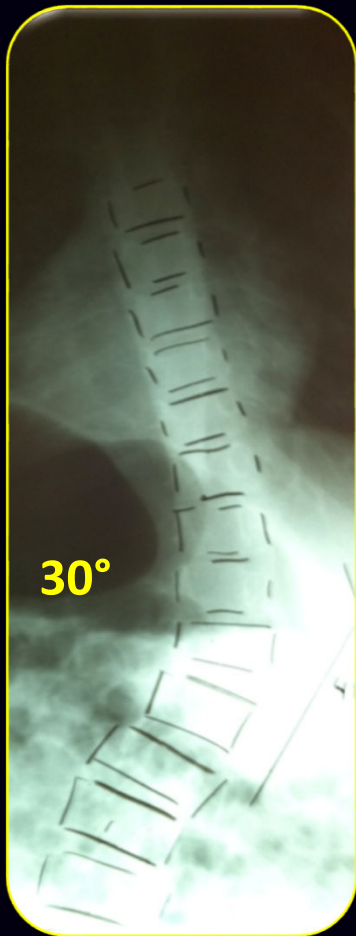
# Self Growing Rod Constructs (SMA)

## Sliding H-Bar Construct



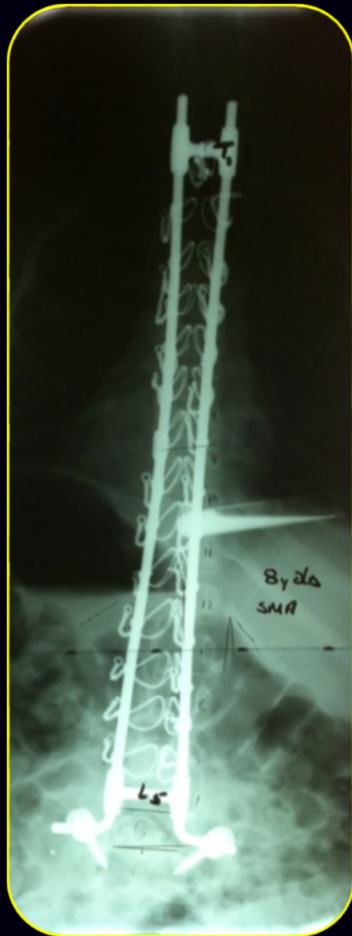
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1997



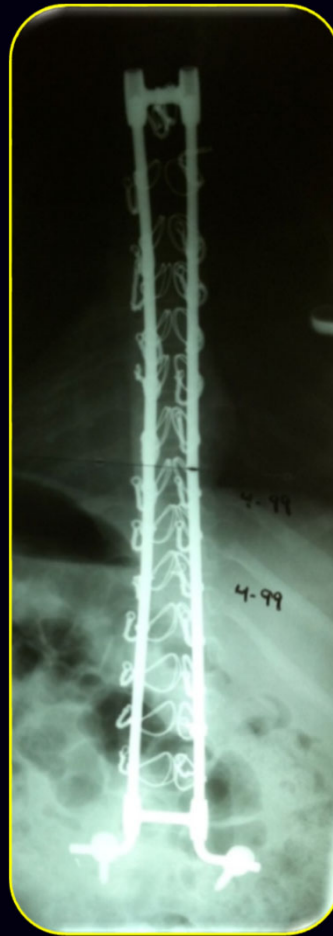
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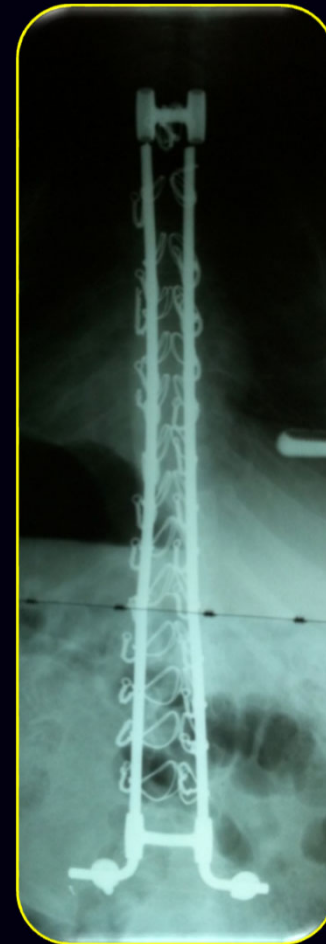
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Age 8

1999



Age 9

2000



Age 10

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2001

2002

2010

2010



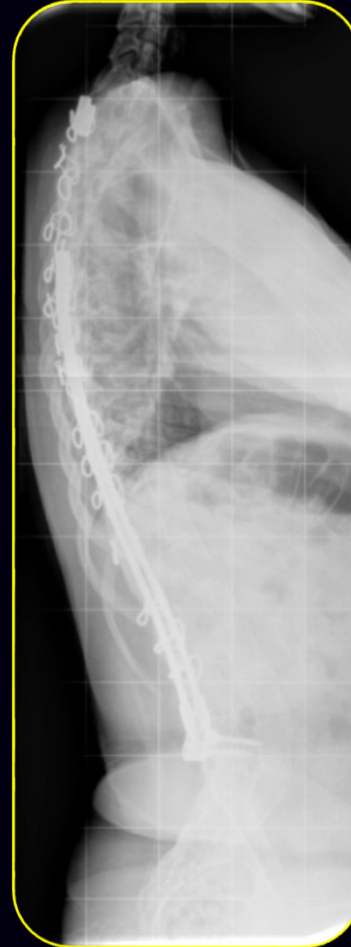
Age 11



Age 12



Age 20



Age 20

**13 yrs: Post- op**

**12 cm: Spinal G**

**PJK: None**

**TK,LL:Preserved**

**operation: 1**



# Spinal Muscular Atrophy

Spinal growth ( 12cm)

1997



Age 7

1998



Age 8

1999



Age 9

2000



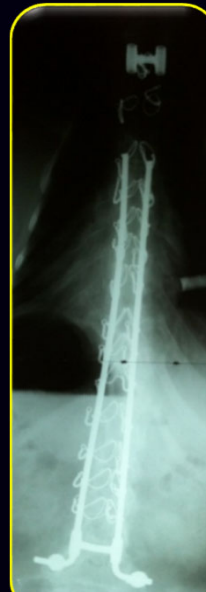
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2001



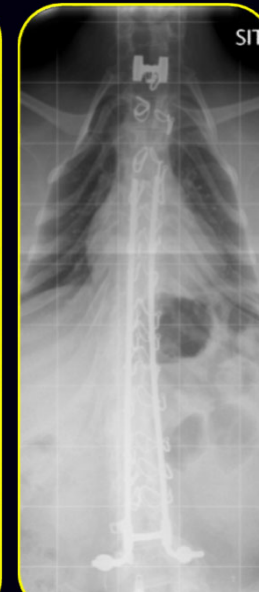
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Age 12

2010



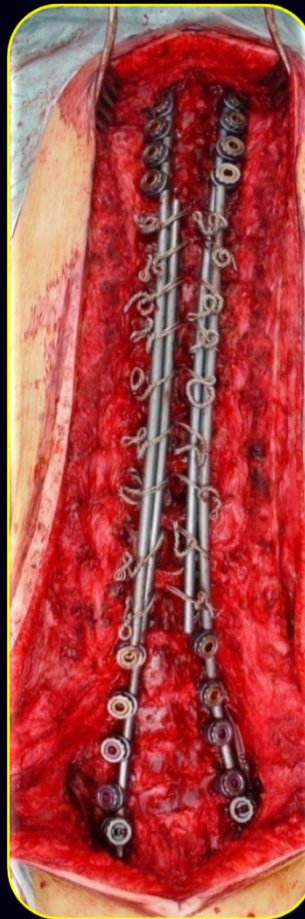
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Age 20

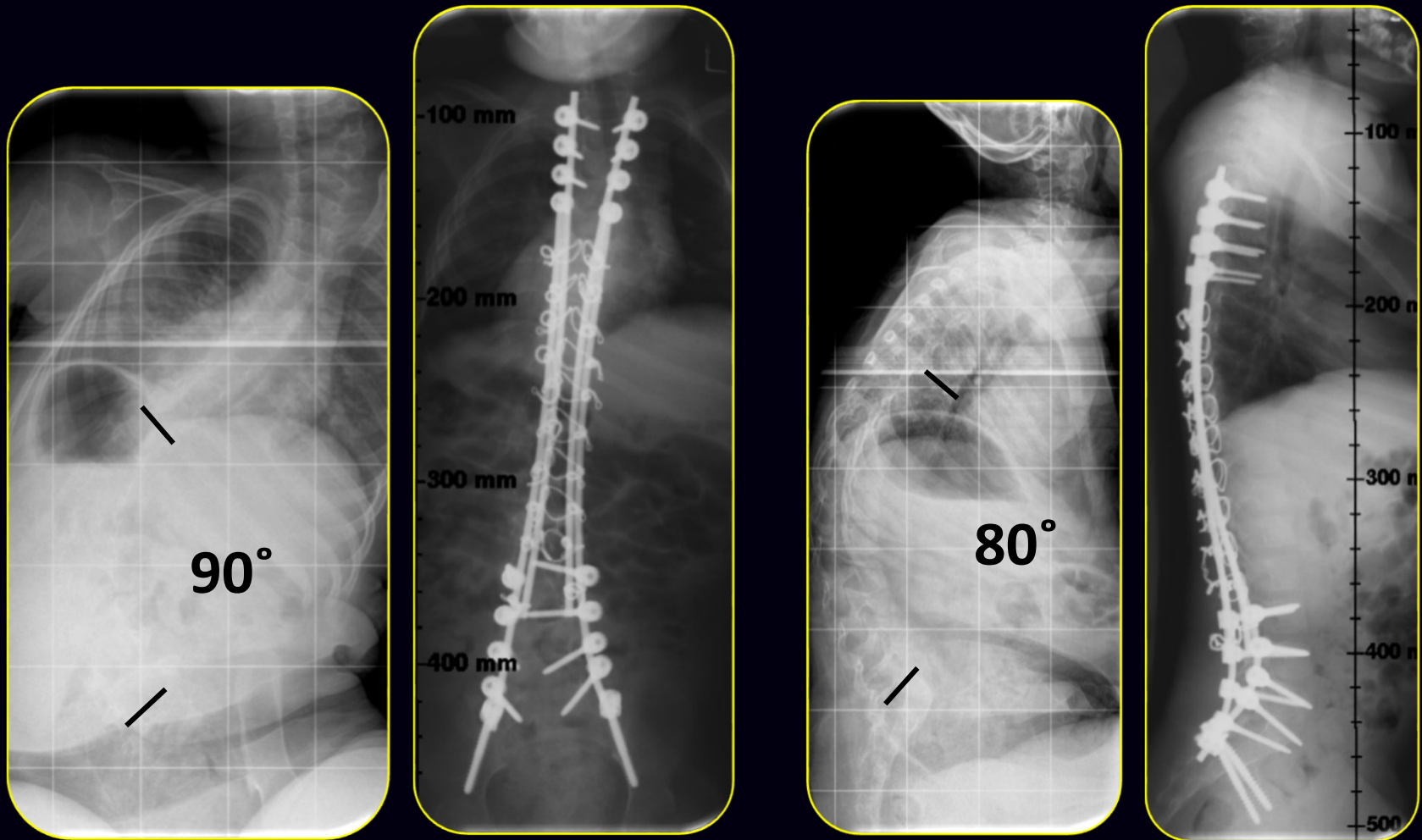
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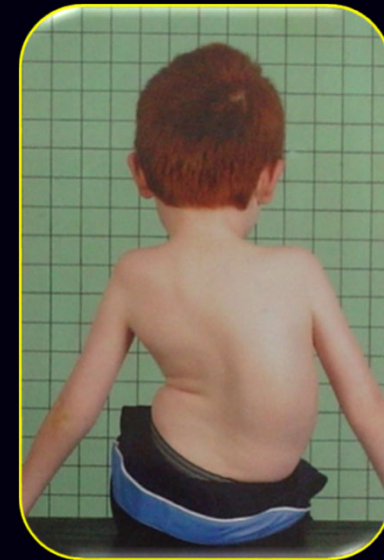
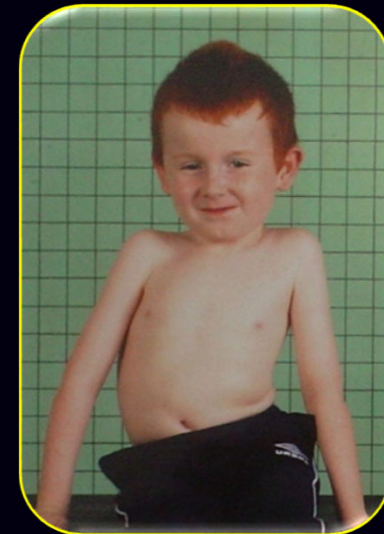


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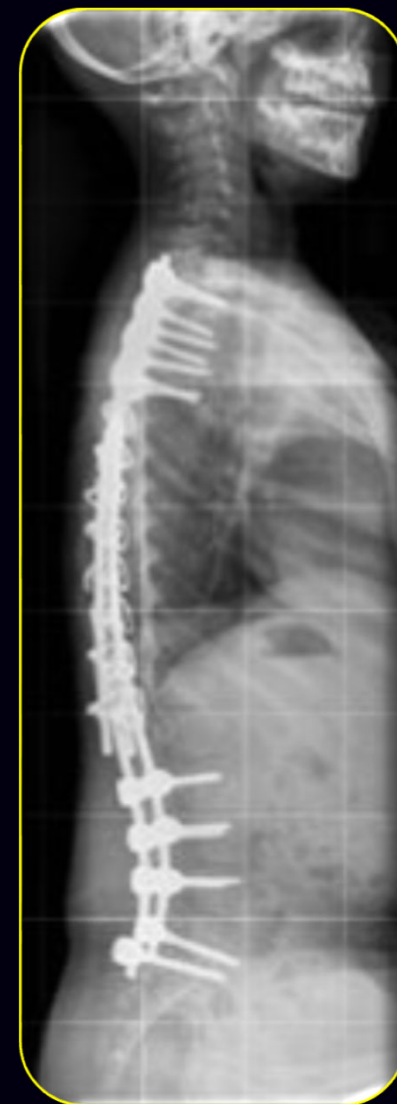
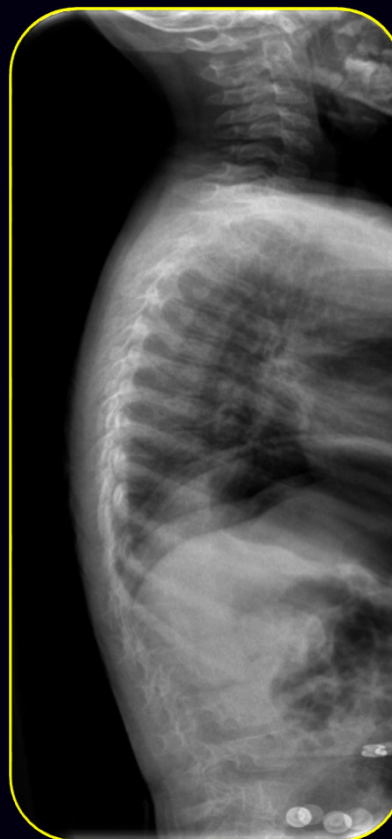
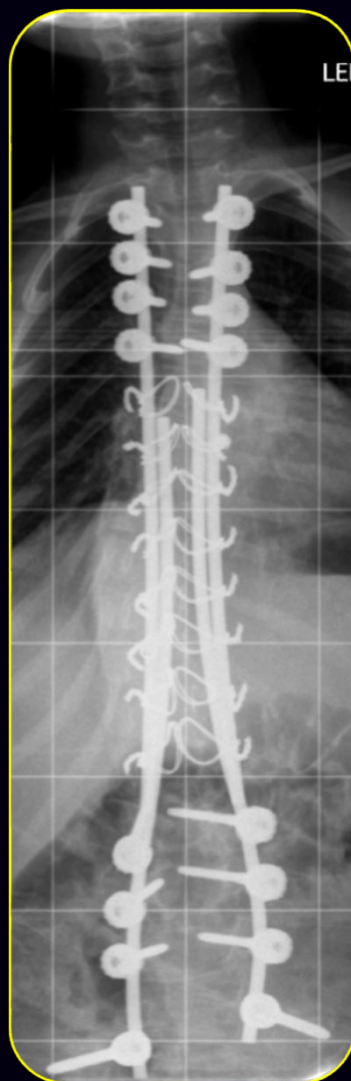
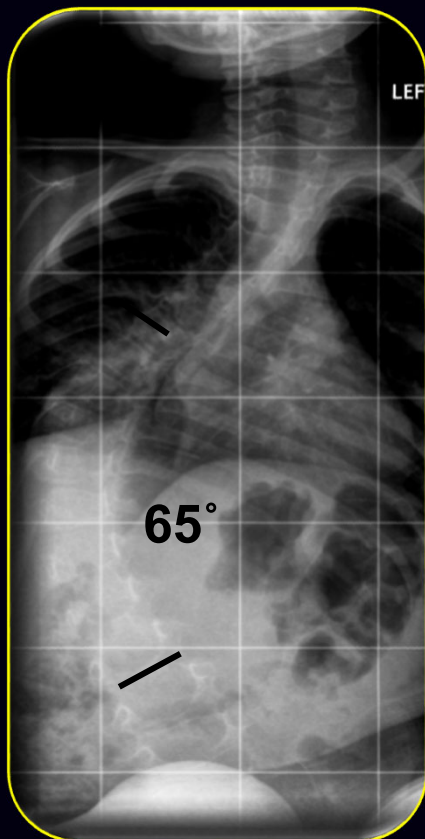


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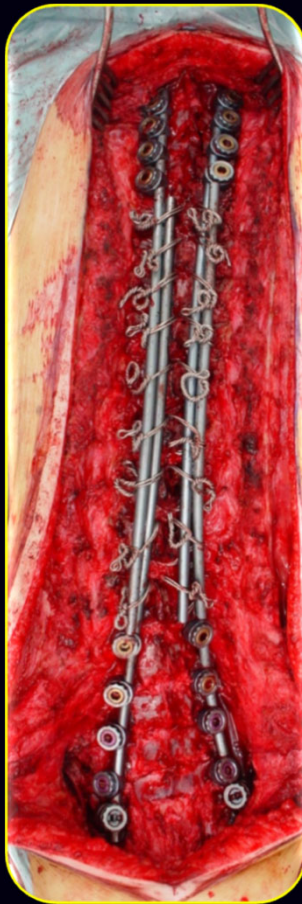
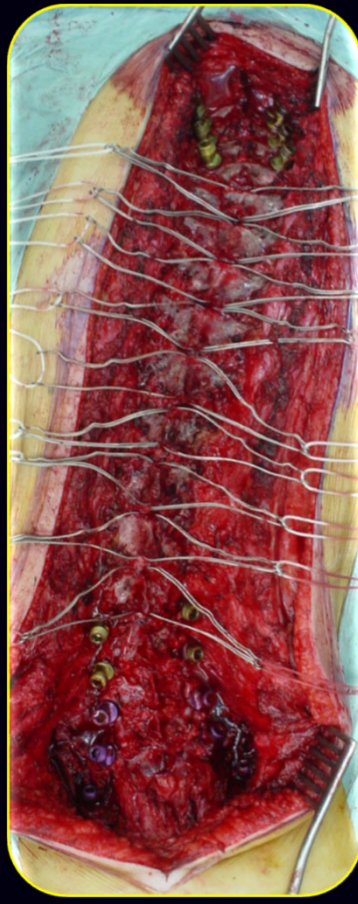


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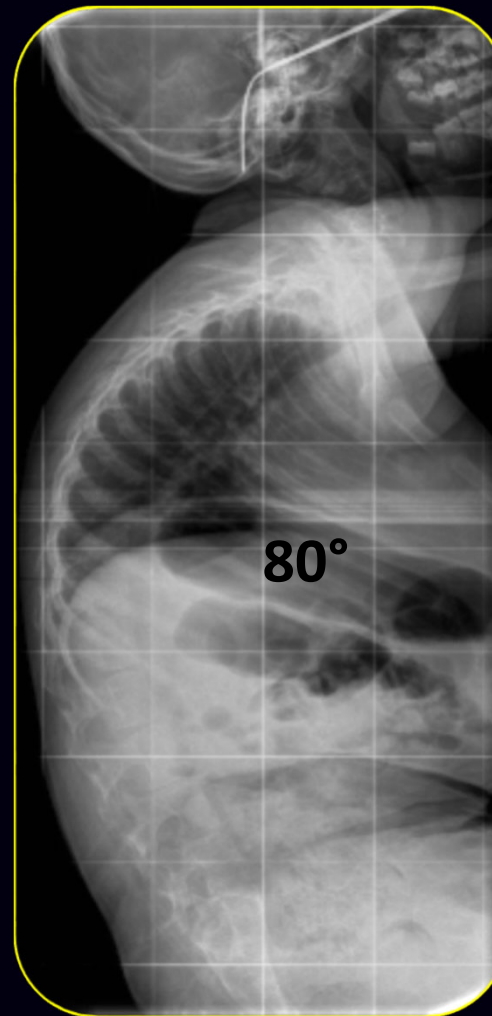
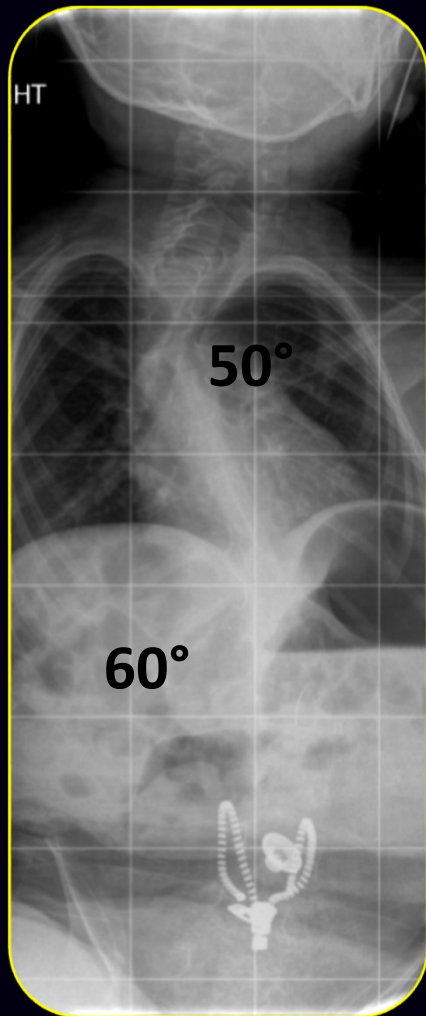




# Congenital muscular dystrophy

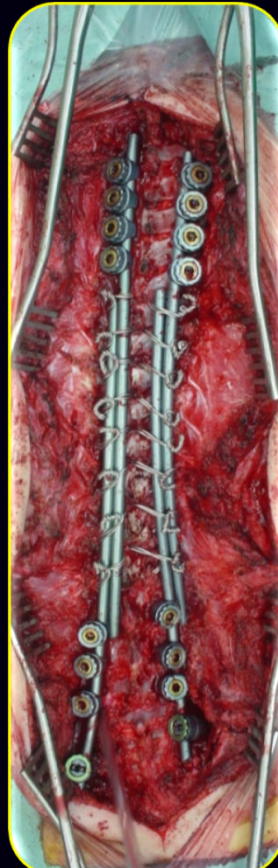
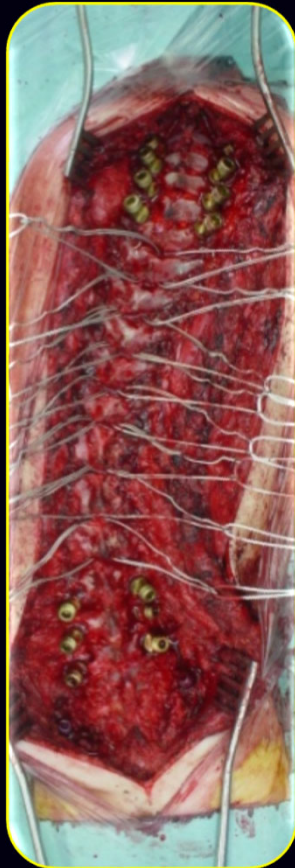


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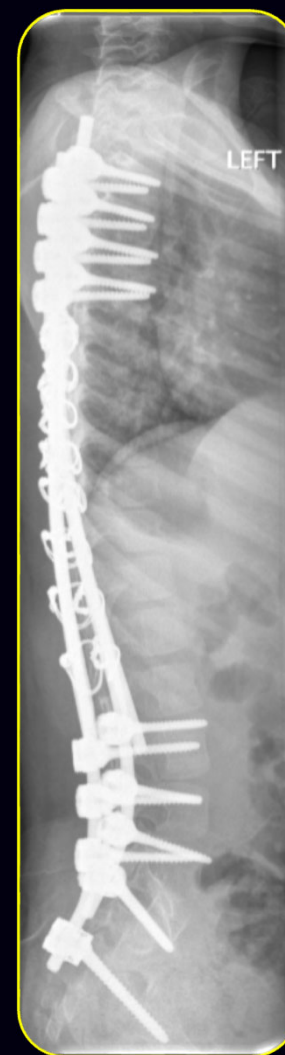
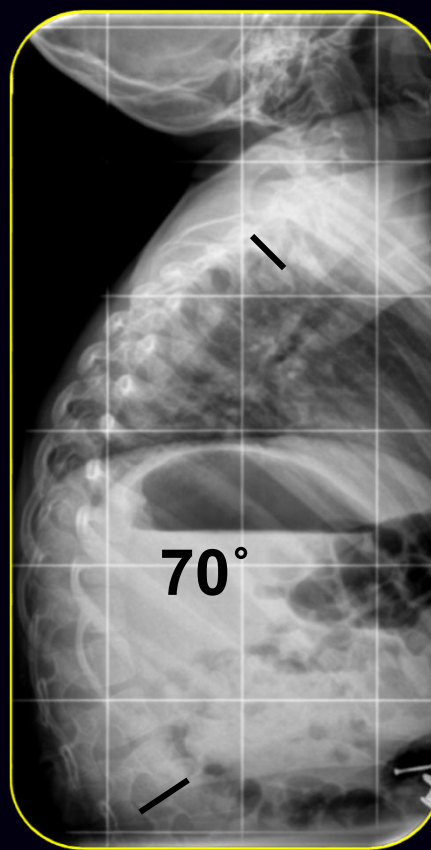
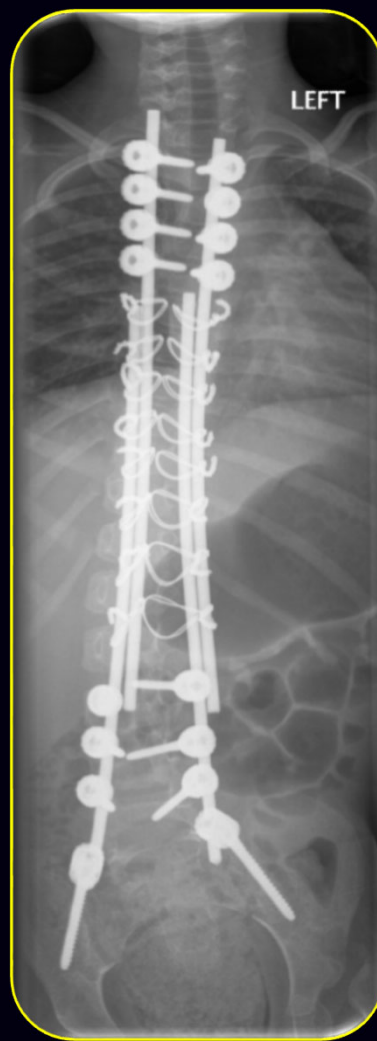
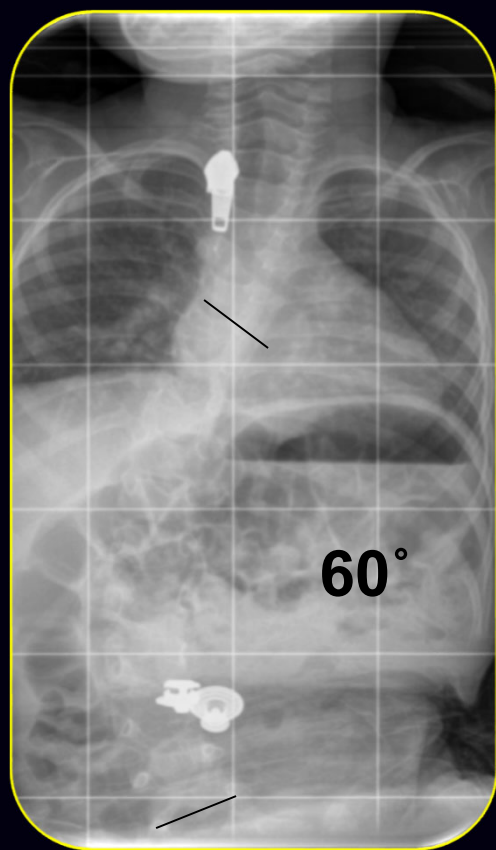




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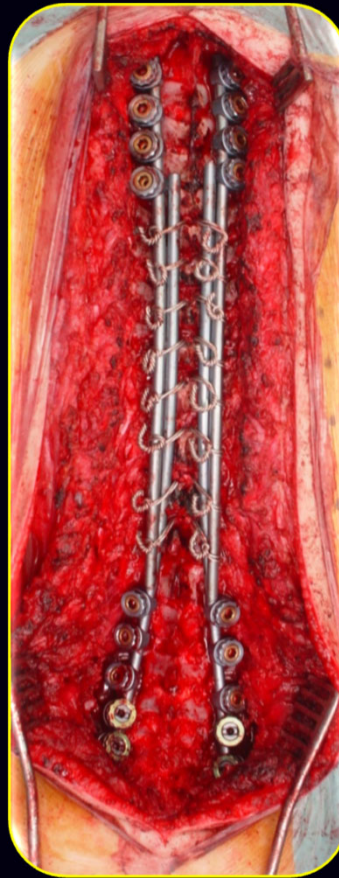
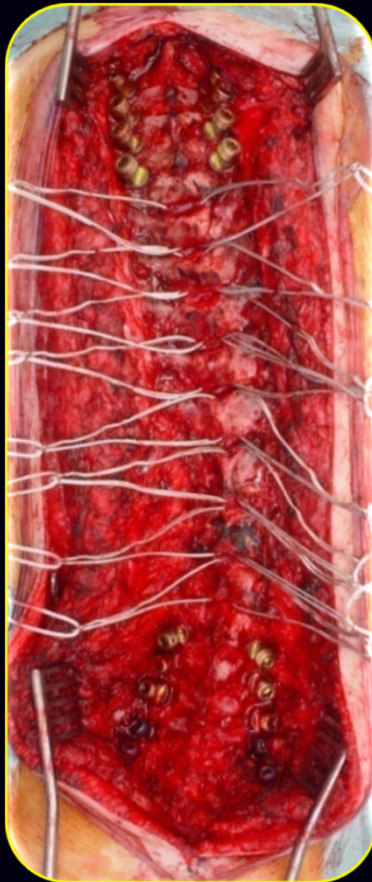


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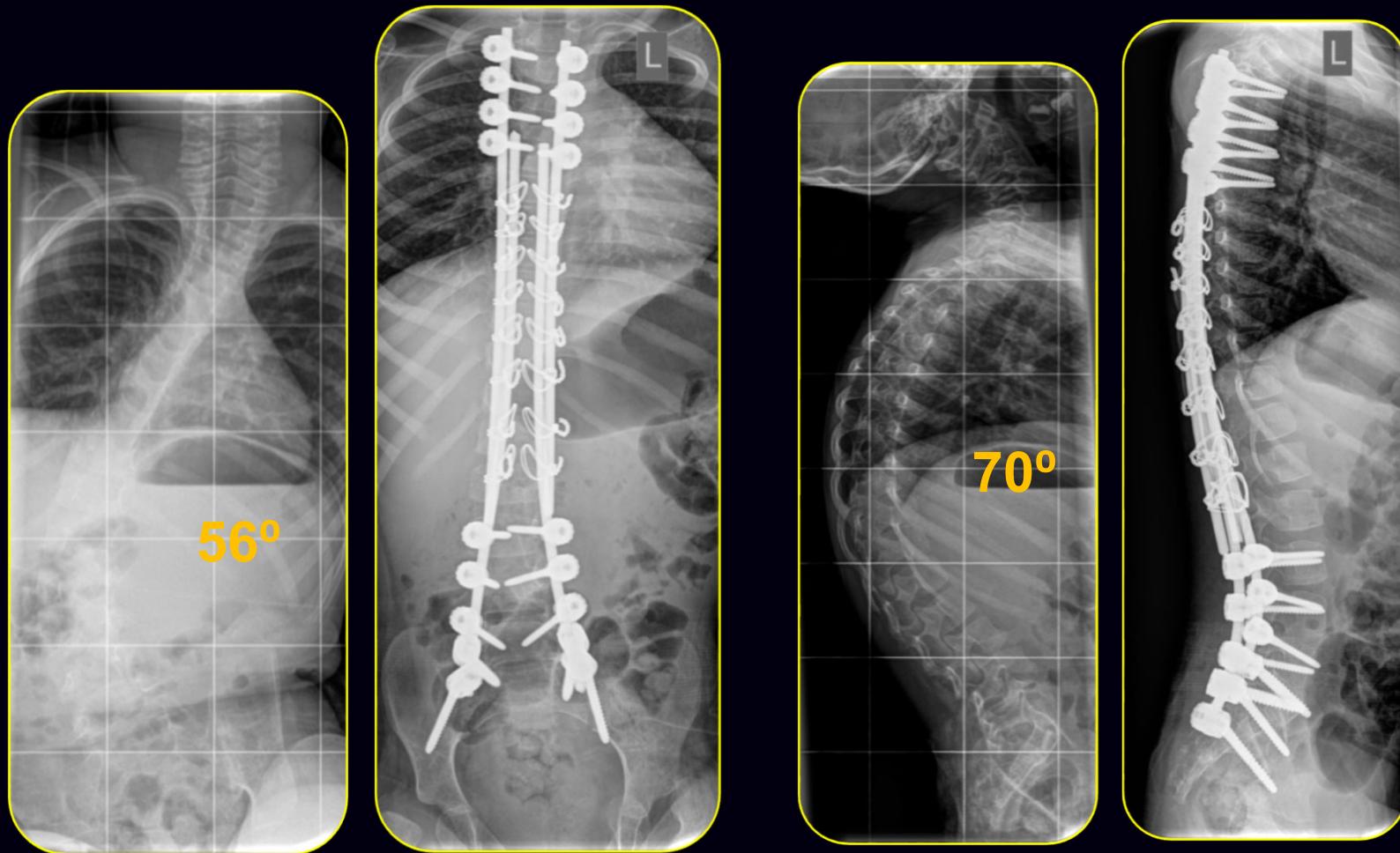


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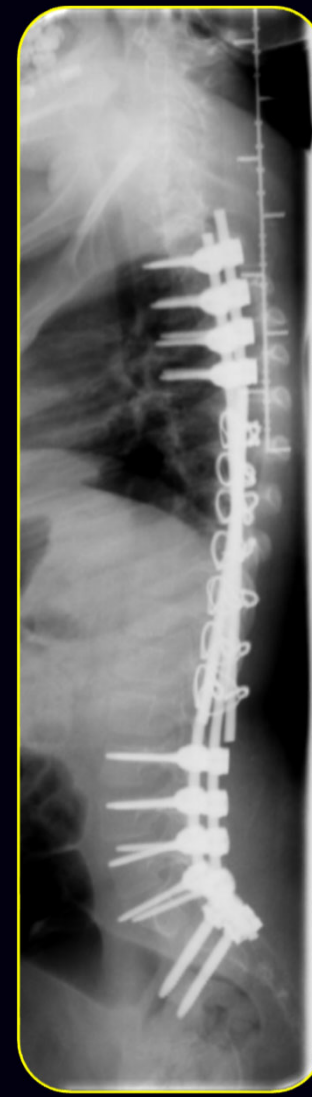
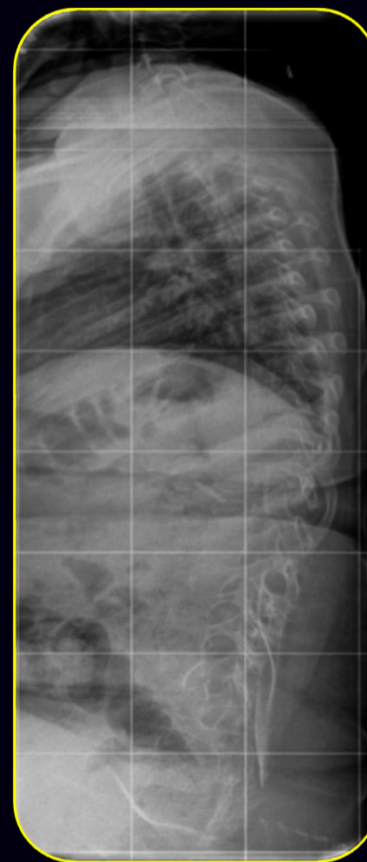
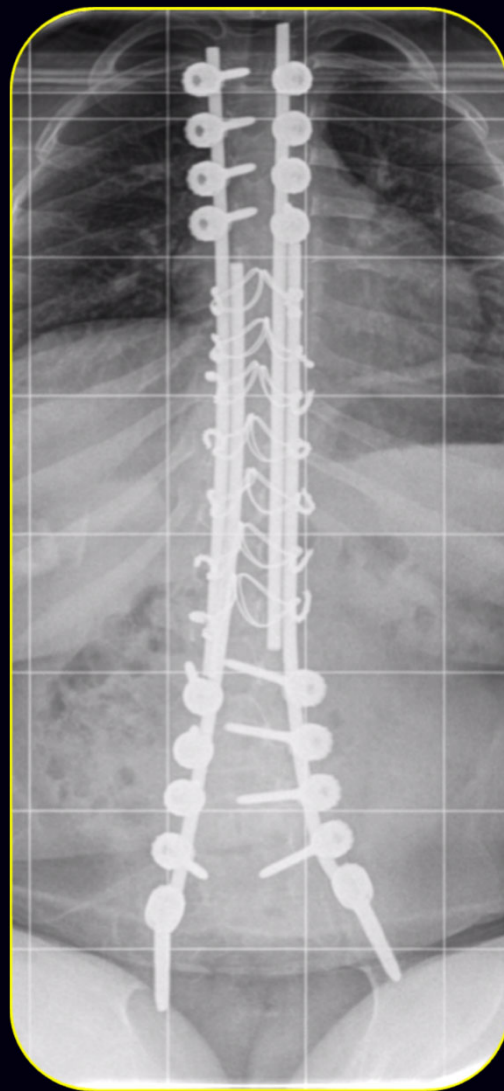
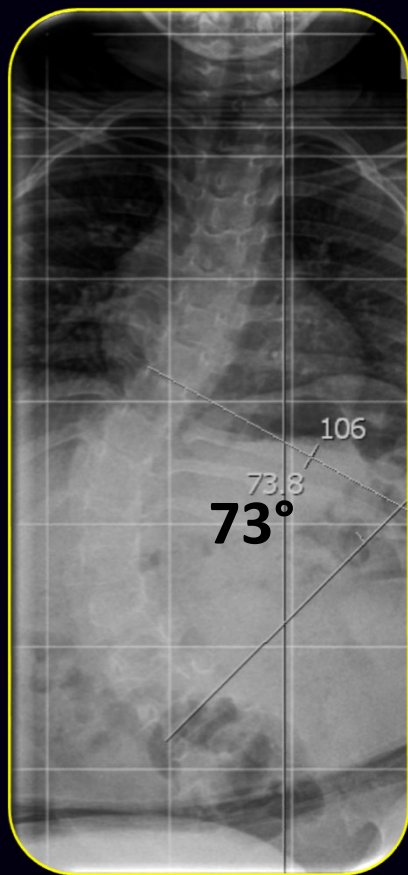




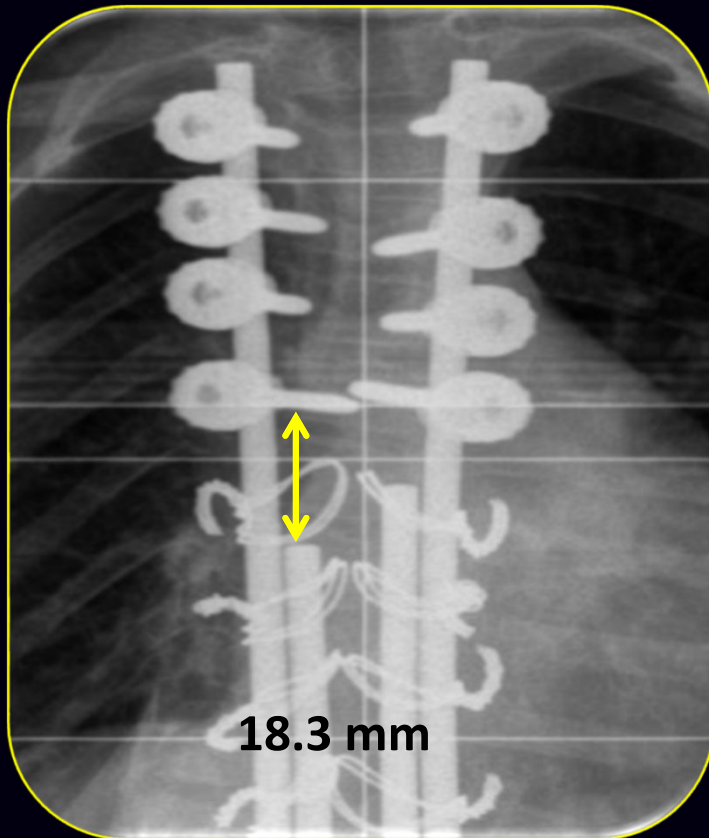
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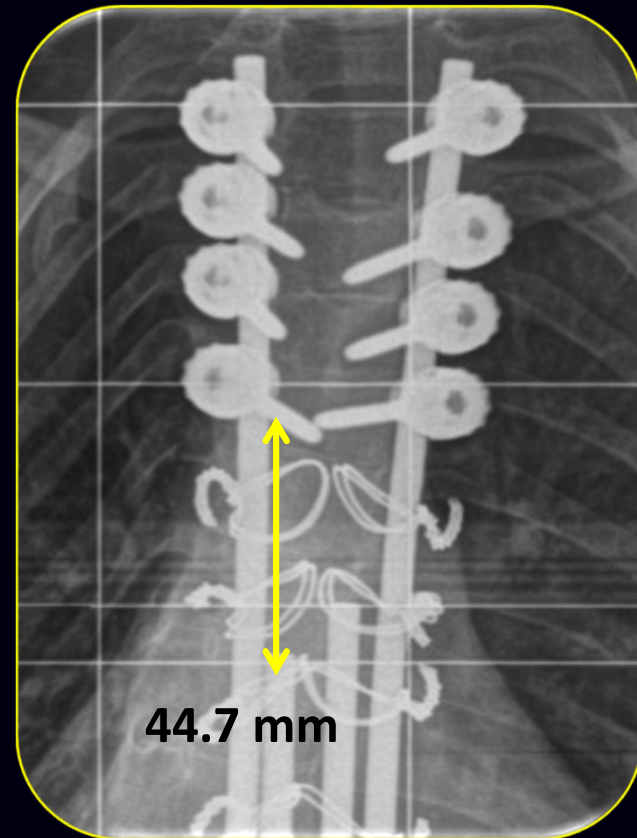
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# Spinal Growth



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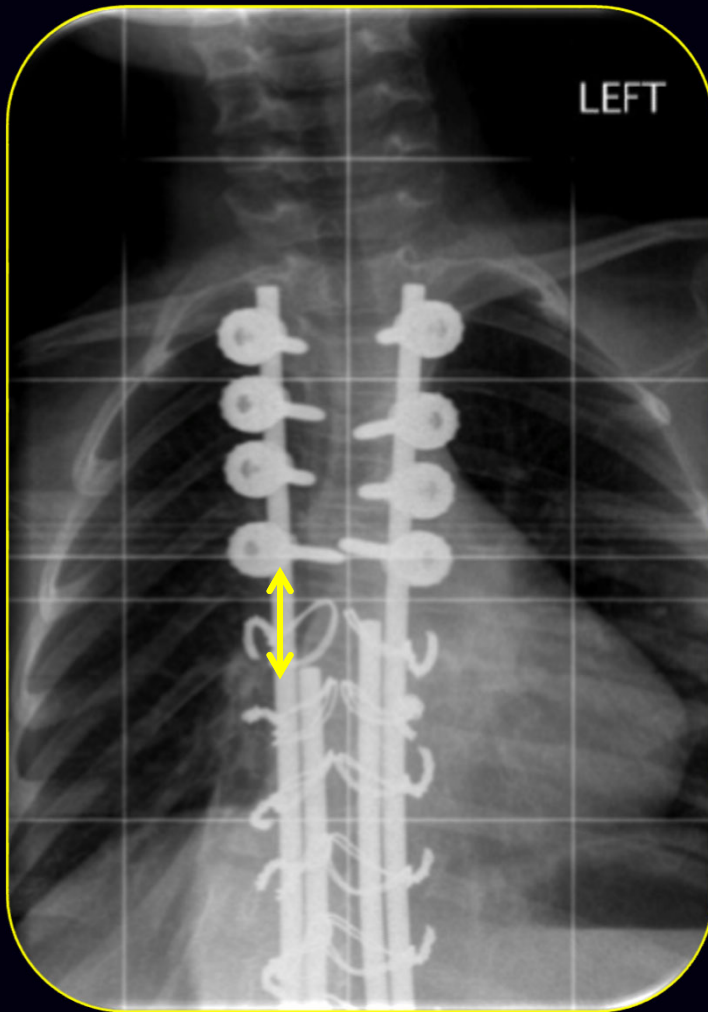
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2½ years → 26.4 mm

# Spinal Growth

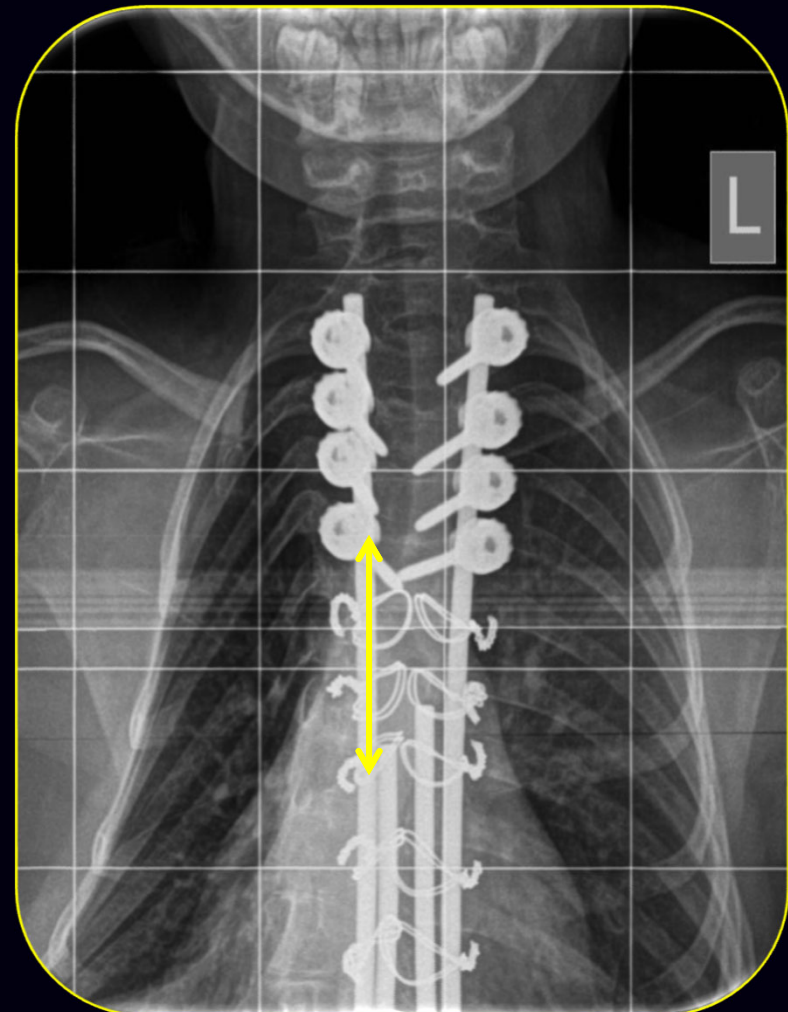
22mm

52mm



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3 years



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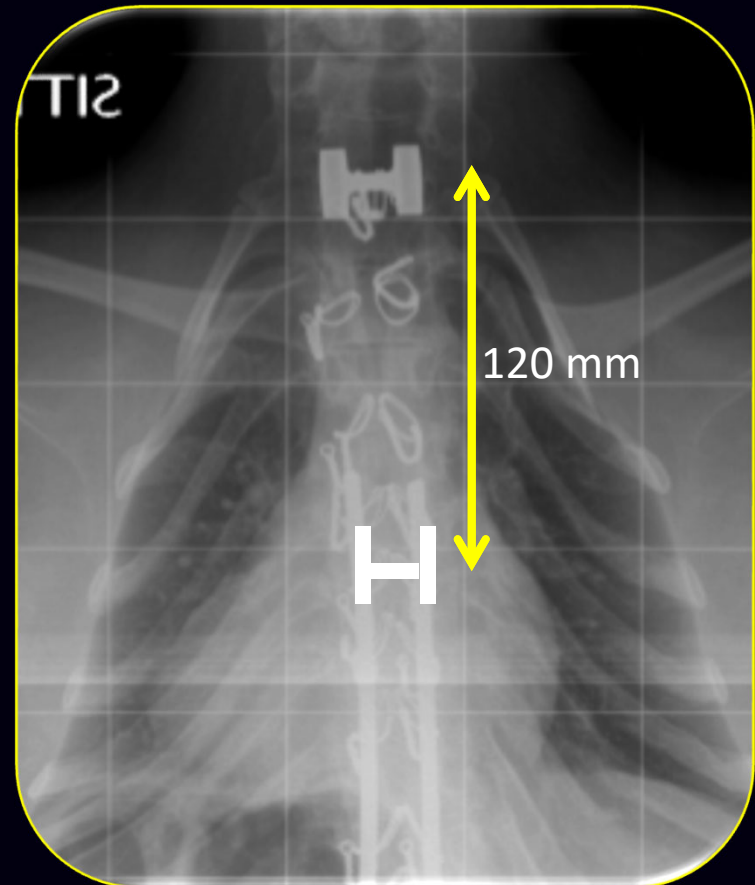
→ 30 mm



# Spinal Growth



1997



2010

13 years → 120 mm

# Early Onset Neuromuscular Scoliosis Results

- **Scoliosis (pre-op)** 68° ( 40°-92°)
- **Scoliosis (Post-op)** 9° ( 0-35°)
- **Kyphosis (Pre-op)** 62° ( 37°-90°)
- **Post-op Kyphosis** 28° ( 20°-40°)

# Early Onset Neuromuscular Scoliosis Results

- **Averaged vertebrae** 13 levels ( 9-17)
- **Follow up** 3.2 yrs ( 2-13 yrs )
- **Spinal Growth** 40 mm ( 20 -120 mm)

# Results

	Pre-op	Post-op	1 year F-up	2yrs F-up
<b>FVC</b>	64.6 %	83%	69%	63.2%
<b>T1-S1 HEIGHT</b>	25.07 cm	32.67 cm	34.92 cm	37.30 cm
<b>Chest Width</b>	21.32 cm	22.12 cm	22.47 cm	24.50 cm
<b>Chest Cavity Space</b>	98.66 cm <sup>2</sup>	116.68 cm <sup>2</sup>	154.33 cm <sup>2</sup>	172.40 cm <sup>2</sup>



# Complications

- **Superficial Infection** **1 patient**
- **Loss of distal fixation** **1 patient**
- **Neurological complication** **-**

# Conclusion

- **The Segmental Self Growing Rod Construct is a powerful, definitive technique for the management of EONMS**
- **Excellent correction is achieved and maintained**
- **PJK is prevented**
- **Sagittal contour of the spine is preserved**
- **Maximum spinal growth and thoracic development is achieved with single surgery**

# Thank you



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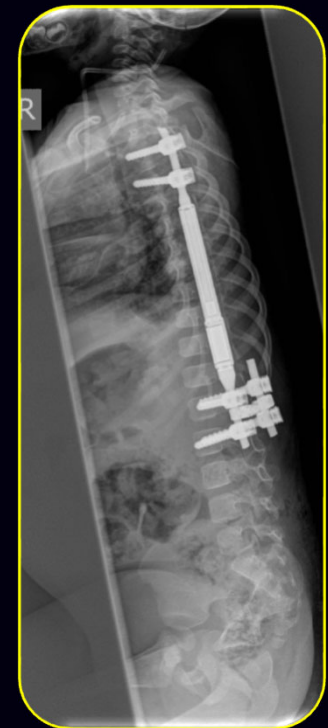


# EARLY ONSET NEUROMUSCULAR SCOLIOSIS

Various surgical techniques have been employed to correct EONMS

## Limitations :

- Lack of segmental control
- Loss of sagittal balance
- Multiple surgeries
- High rate of complications

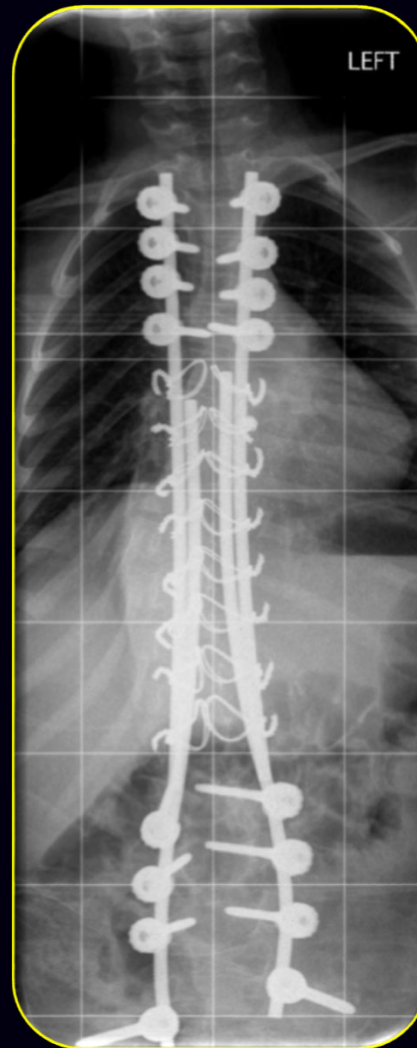




# Spinal Growth

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3 years → 30 mm