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Novel Approaches for Assessing Diaphragmatic Contribution to Thoracic Insufficiency Syndrome: SMA as an Illustration

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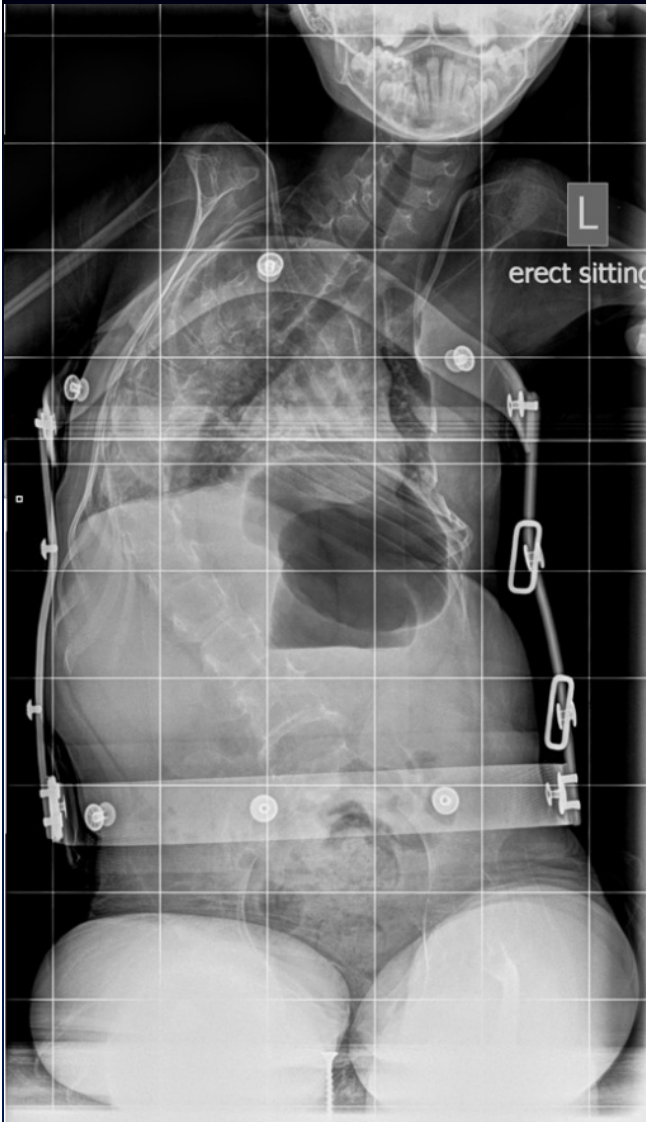
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Key Clinical Question:

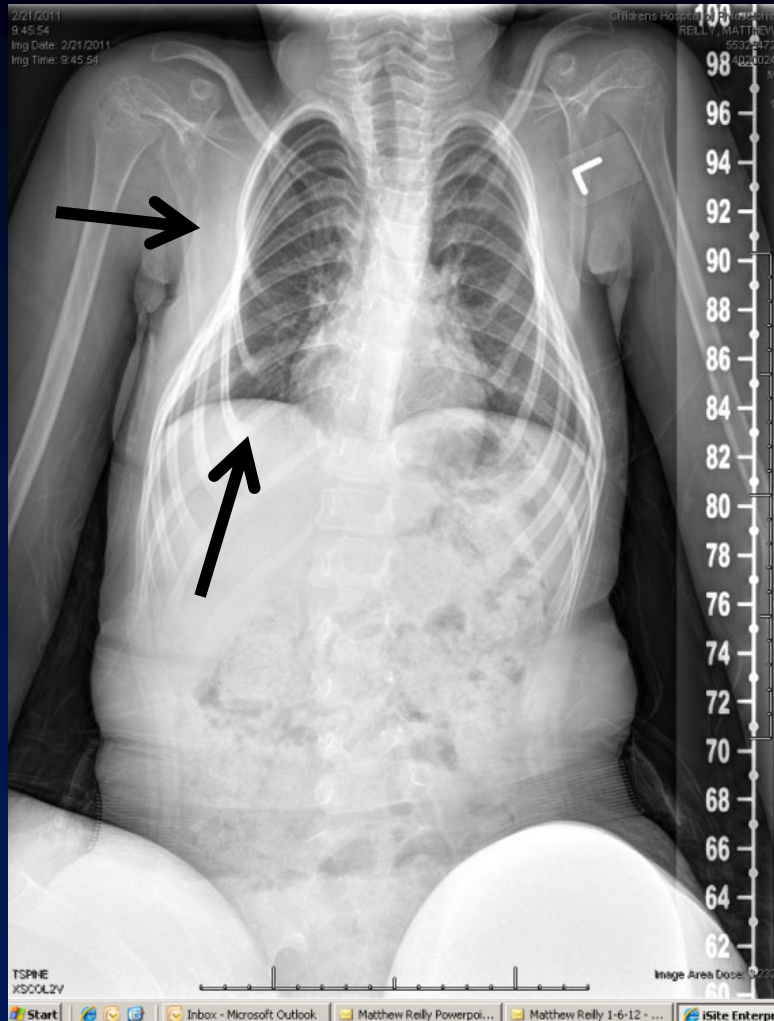
How do chest wall, muscle dysfunction, and spine deformity affect respiration in SMA?



Goals

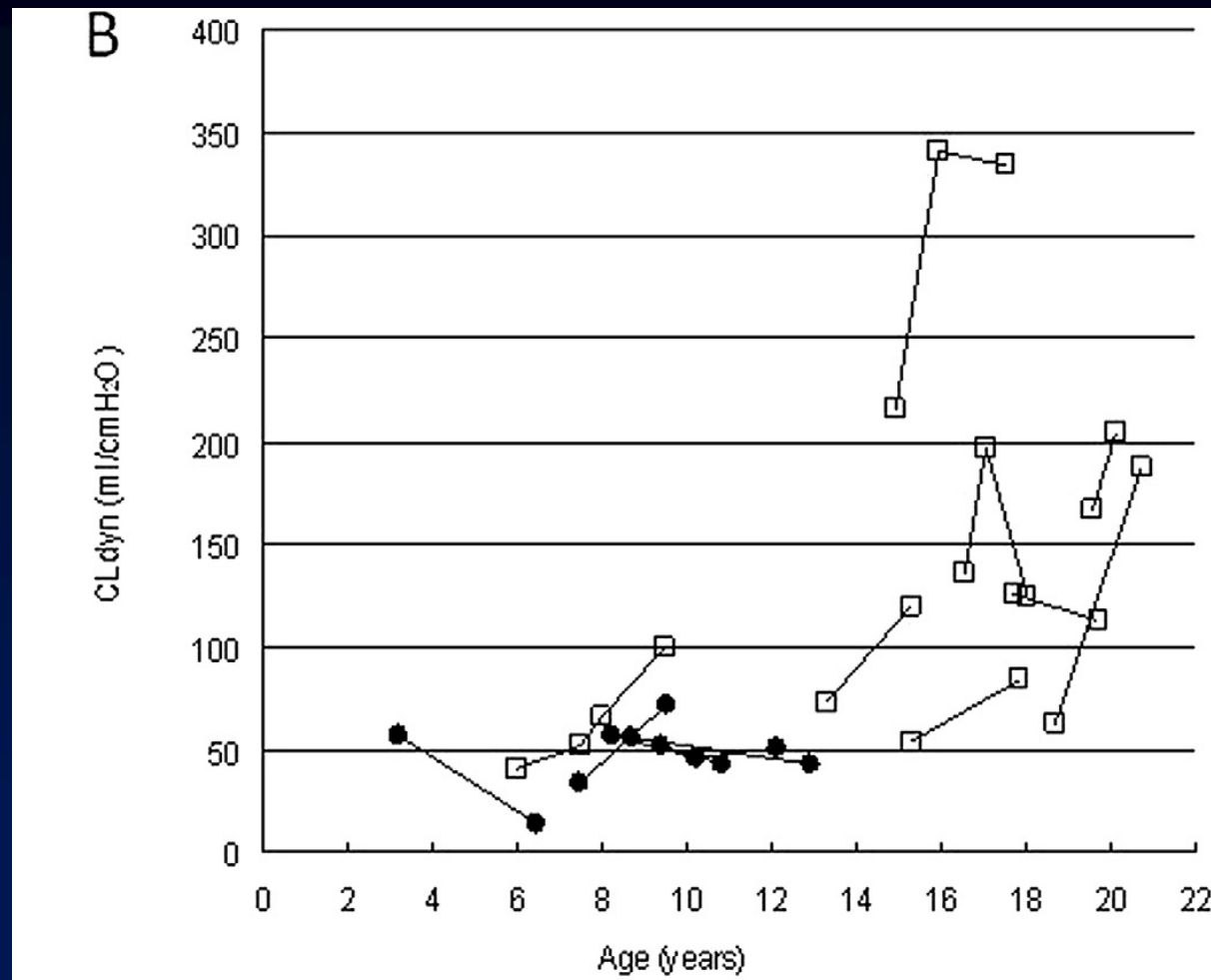
- Contribution of chest wall, diaphragm, and spine deformity in SMA to development of respiratory failure
 - Static /dynamic factors
- The effect of a novel Prosthetic Rib technique
- Novel Approaches for Assessing the Chest Wall and Spine in SMA

SMA Chest Wall Deformity

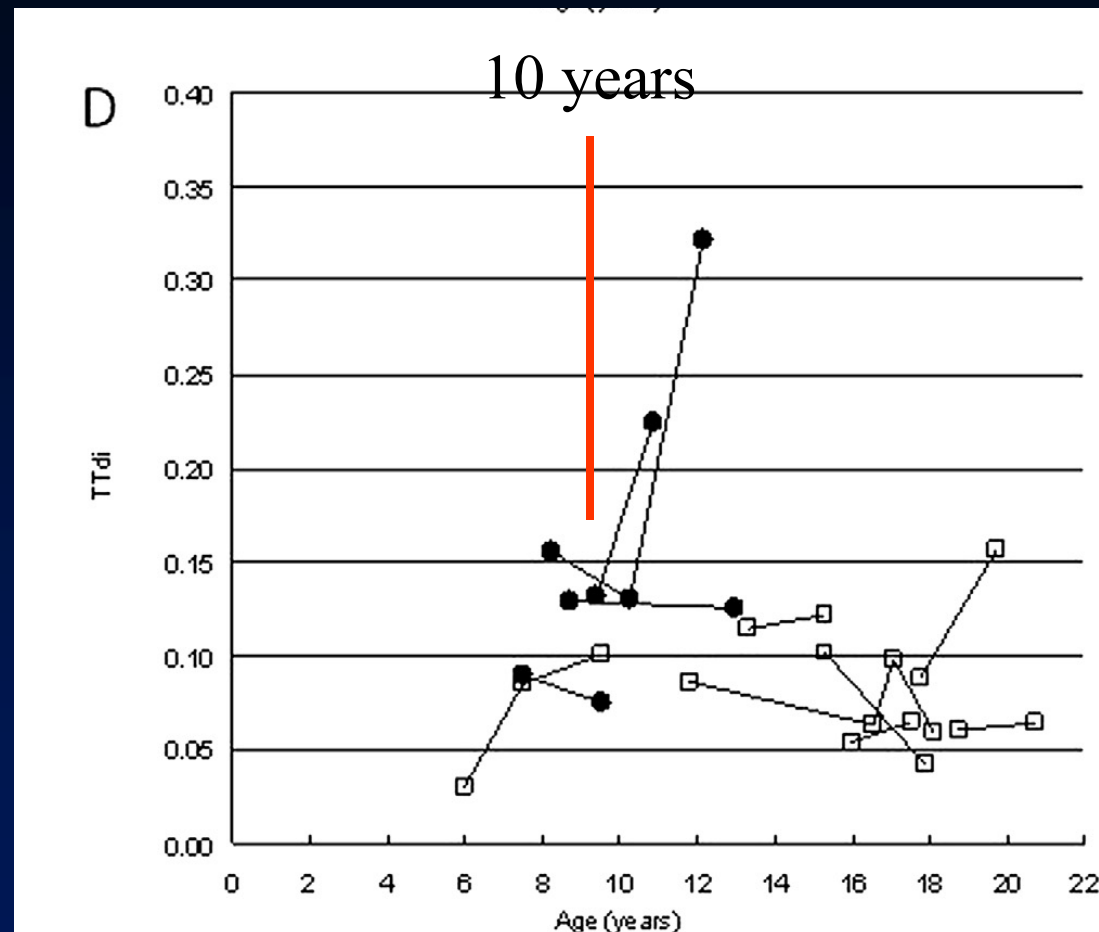


- Bell shaped thorax
 - Perez, et al. CHEST, 1996
- Collapsing Parasol Deformity of Dimeglio
 - Campbell and Smith, JBJS 2007
- Parasol rib deformity
 - Livingston, Snyder, et al, SPINE 2015

Chest Wall :SMA II, III



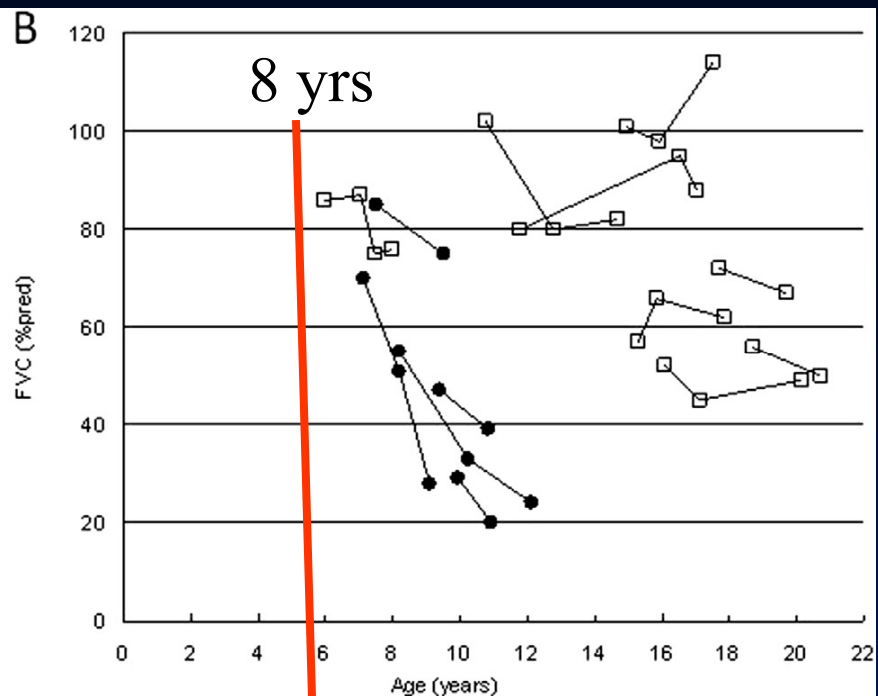
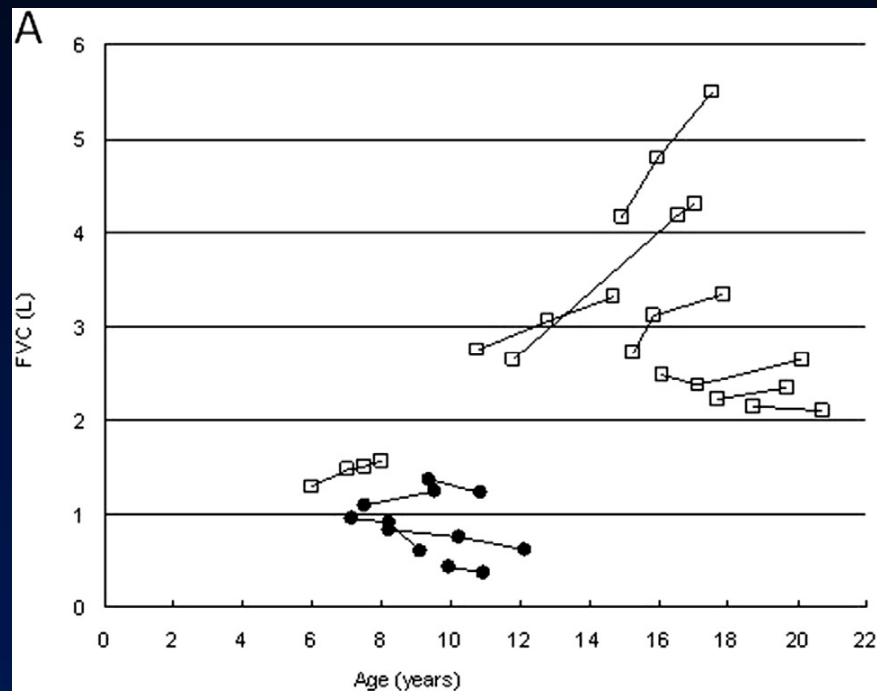
Diaphragm Fatigue: SMA II, III



SMA II and III

FVC

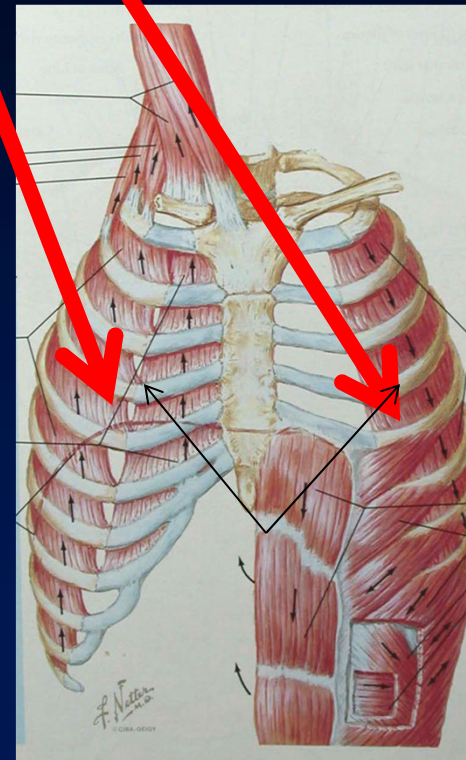
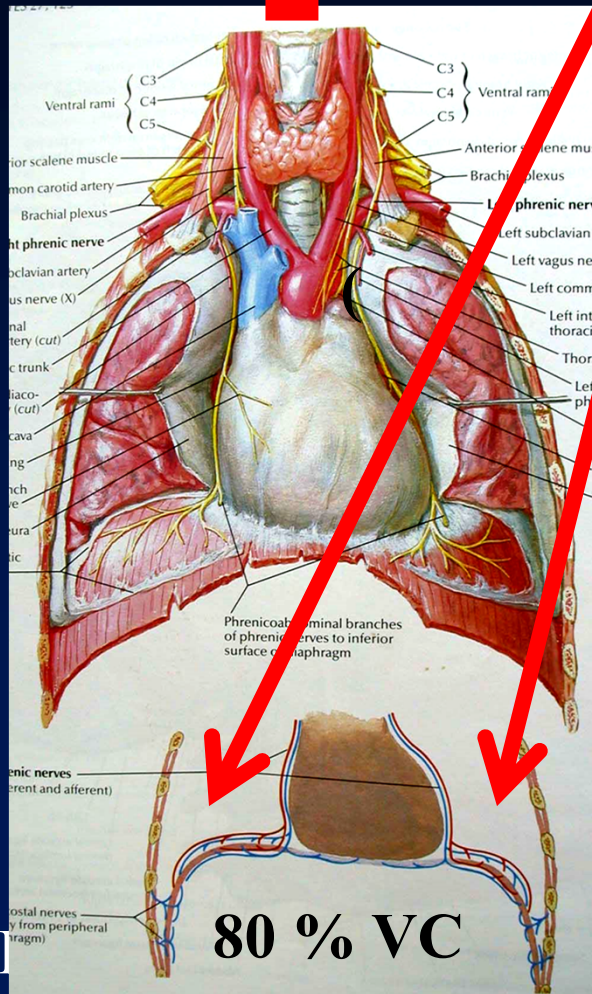
% pred FVC



-Kihrani, et al, Europ J of Paed Neurology 2013

The 4 determinants of the thoracic respiratory pump

VC



CTI

80 % VC

20 % VC

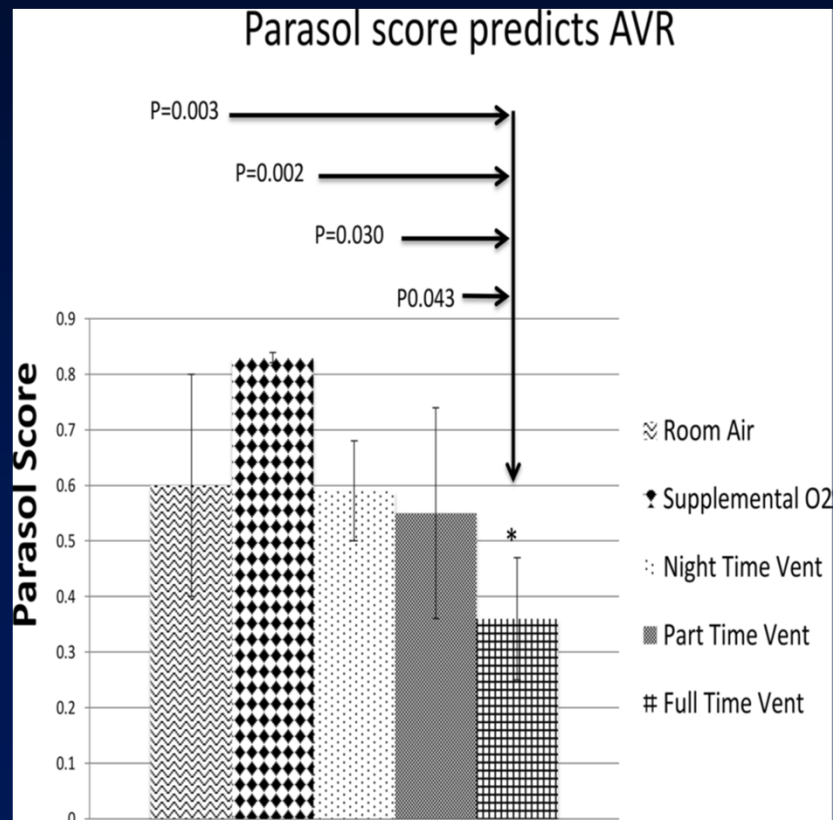


Parasol Score

T6 convex hemithoracic width
T6 concave hemithoracic width

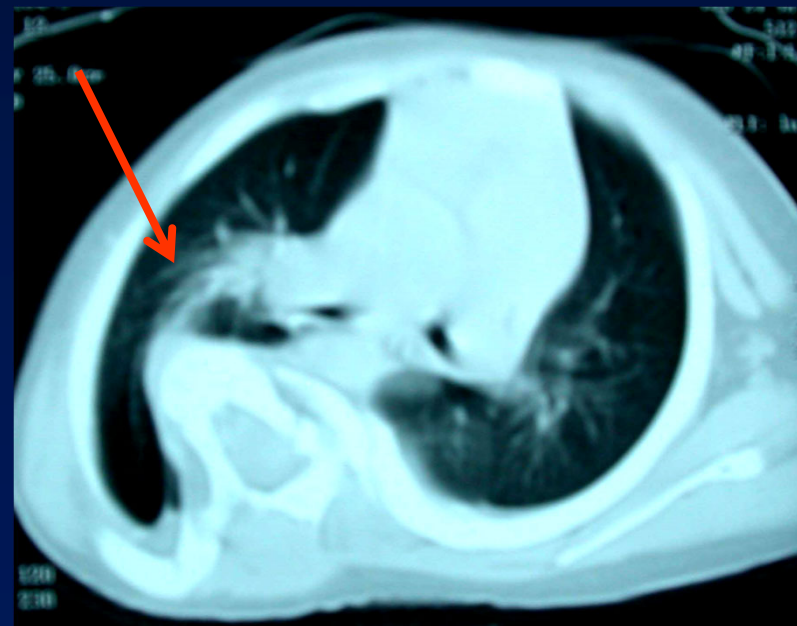
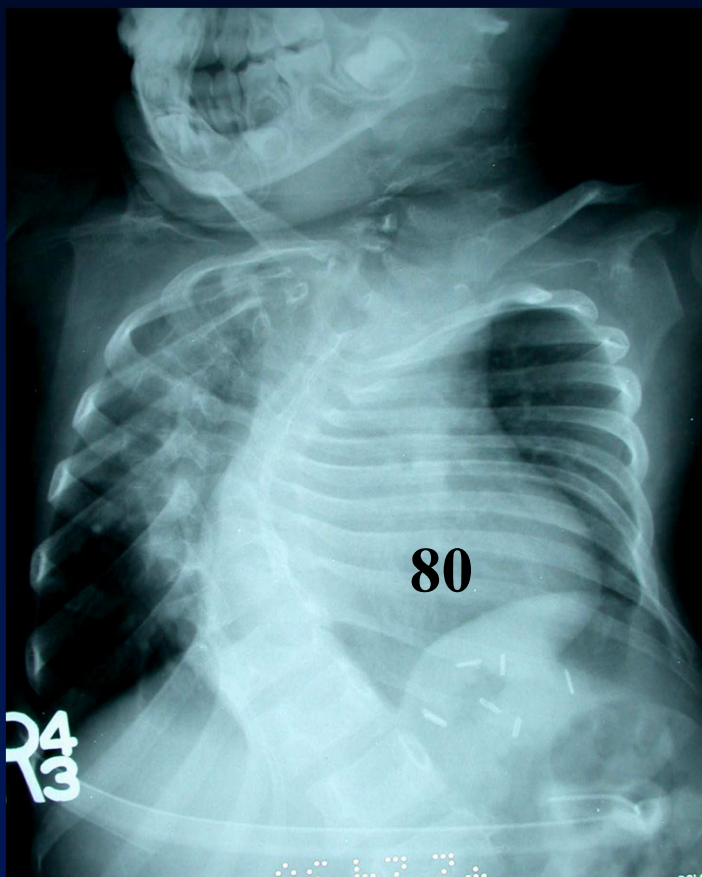
X

T6 thoracic width
T12 thoracic width



-Livingston, Snyder, et al. Spine, 2015

The Hidden Volume Problem



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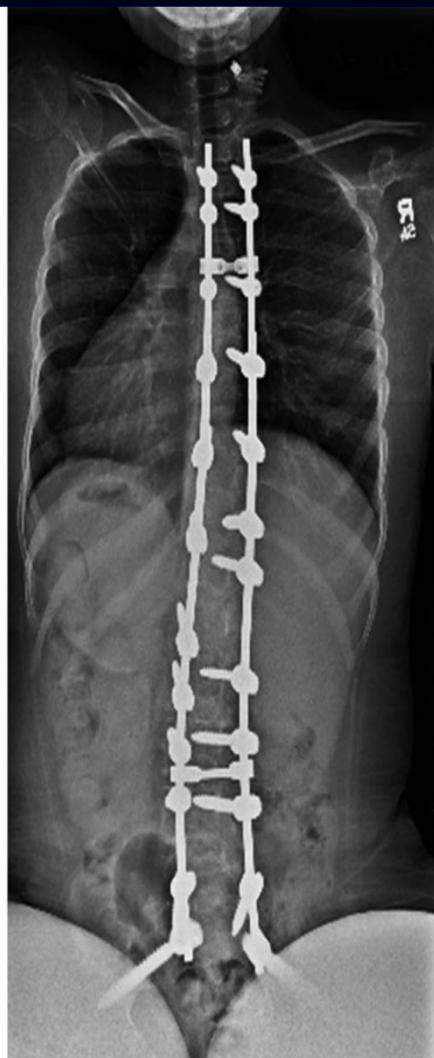
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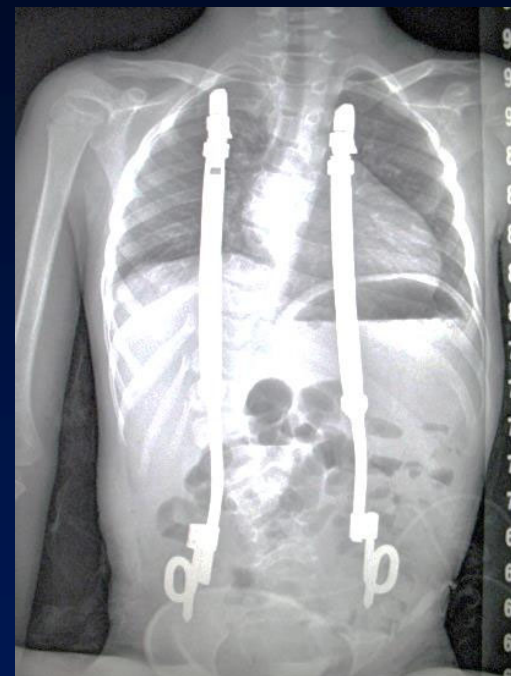
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SMA spine treatment



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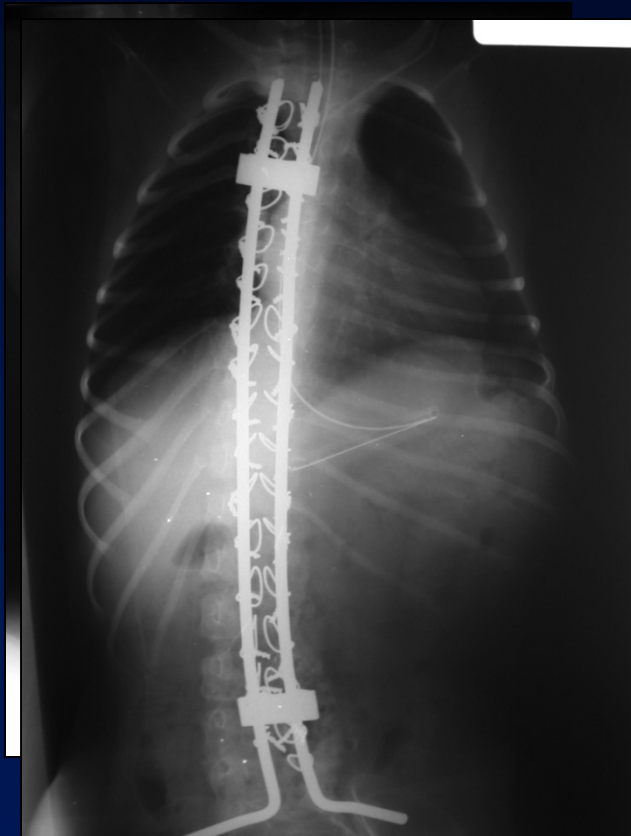


Prosthetic Rib

-Mesfin, Sponseller, Leet JAAOS 2012

Spine stabilization does not treat the Collapsing Parasol Deformity of SMA

- Campbell/Smith JBJS, 2007



R Campbell 

VC 40 % n1

SMA II/III: natural history and fusion FVC

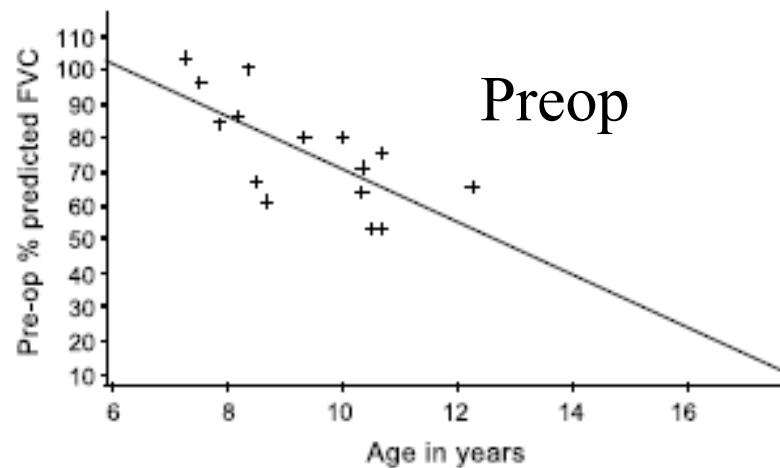


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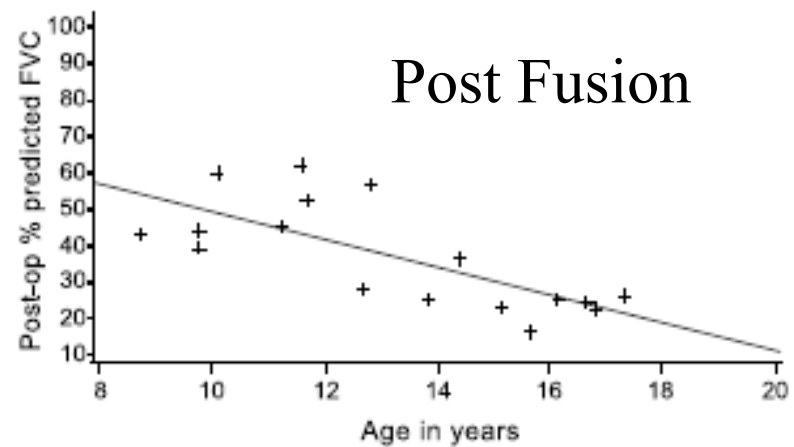
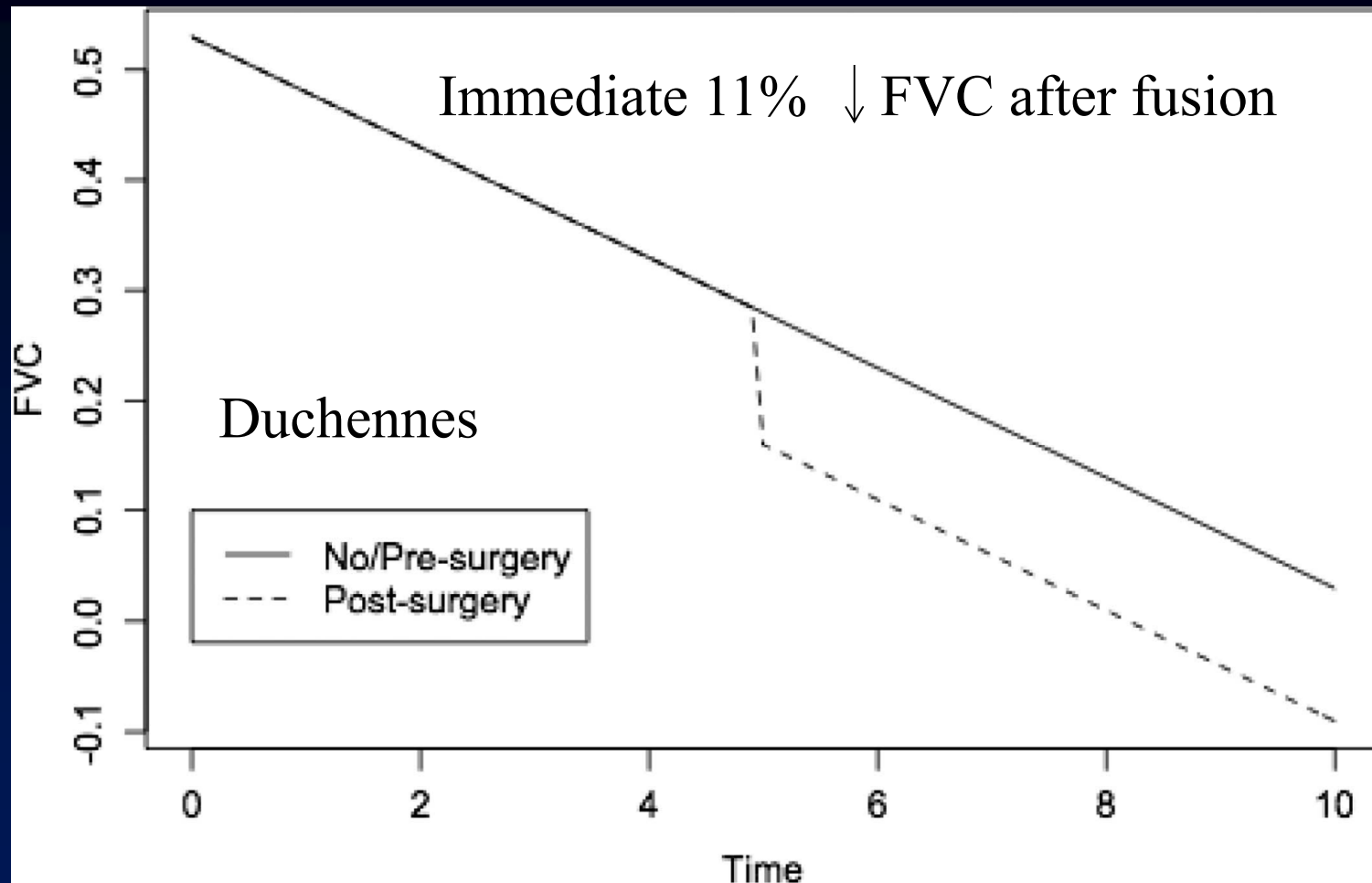


Fig. 2 Post-operative percentage of predicted forced vital capacity (FVC) versus age in years.

-Chng, et al, J Ped Child Health, 2003

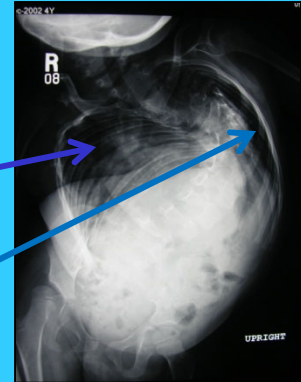
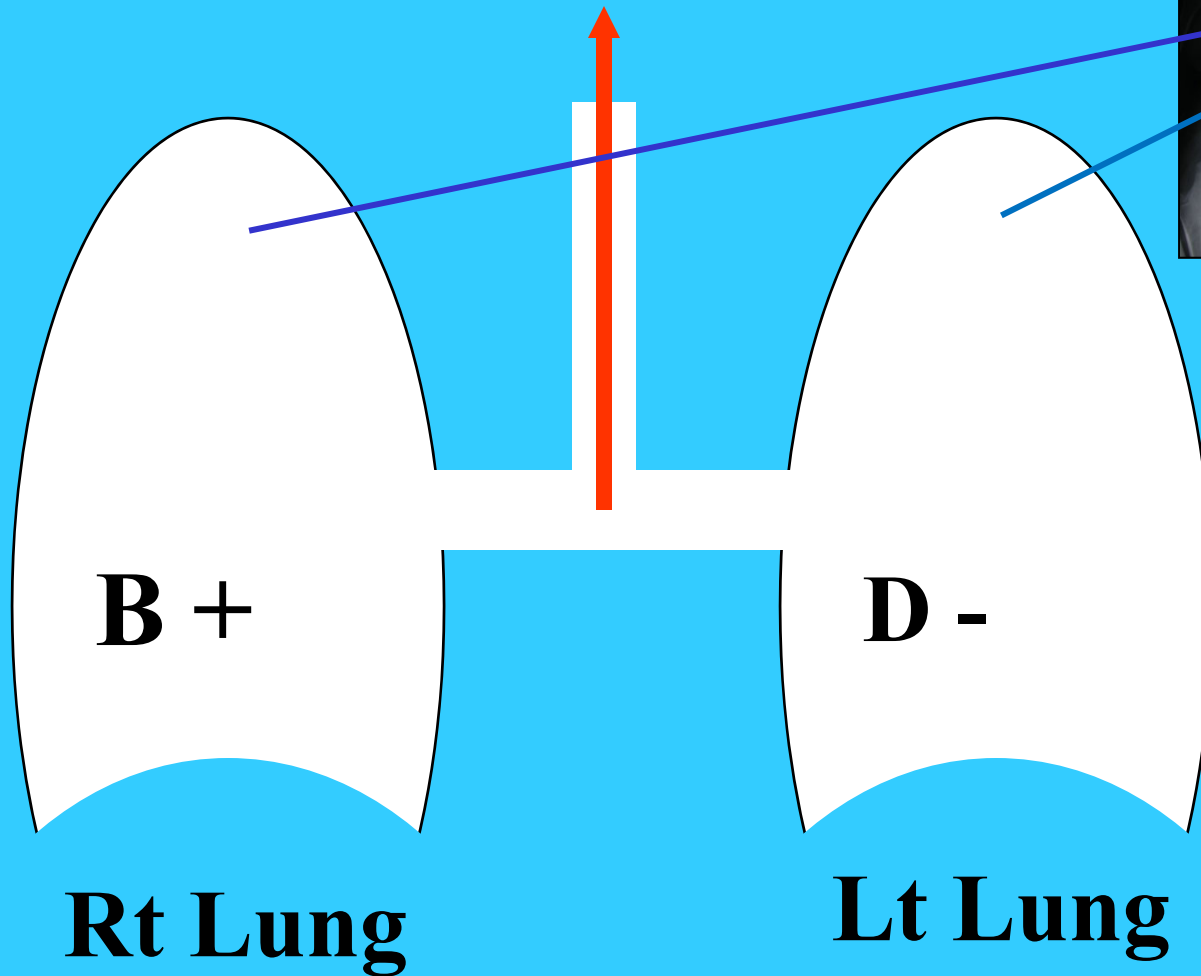
Effect of posterior spine fusion



Pulmonary Function Testing



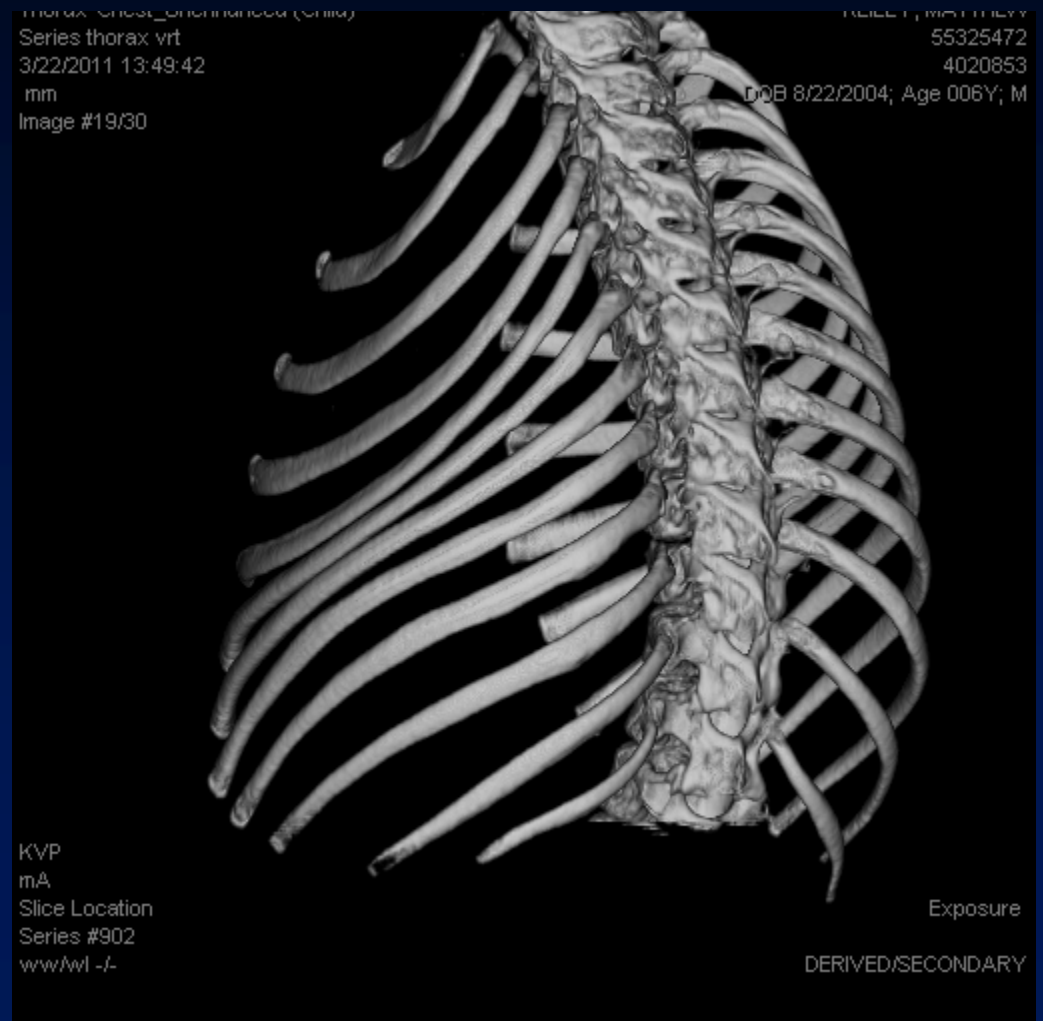
PFT averages these : FVC, TV, Etc .. = C + ?



PFT's are unfortunately, summative,
And hard to do under age 5 years

What's the problem?

- Intercostal muscle weakness only?
- Collapsing parasol deformity contributes?
- How to better understand this?

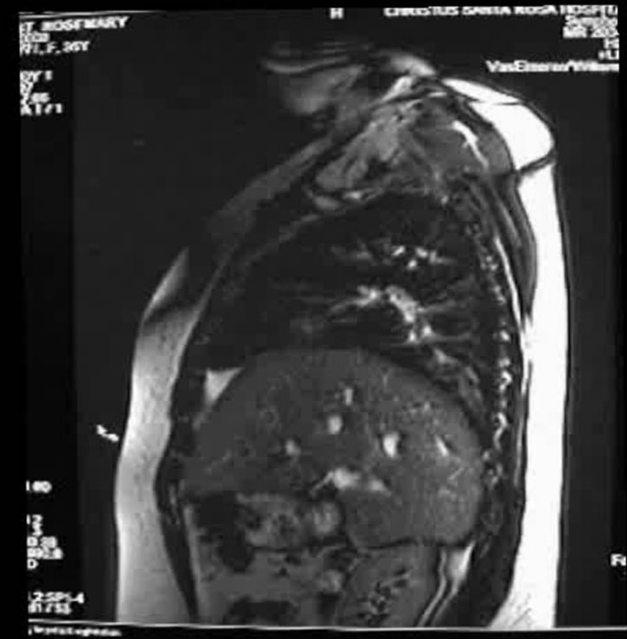


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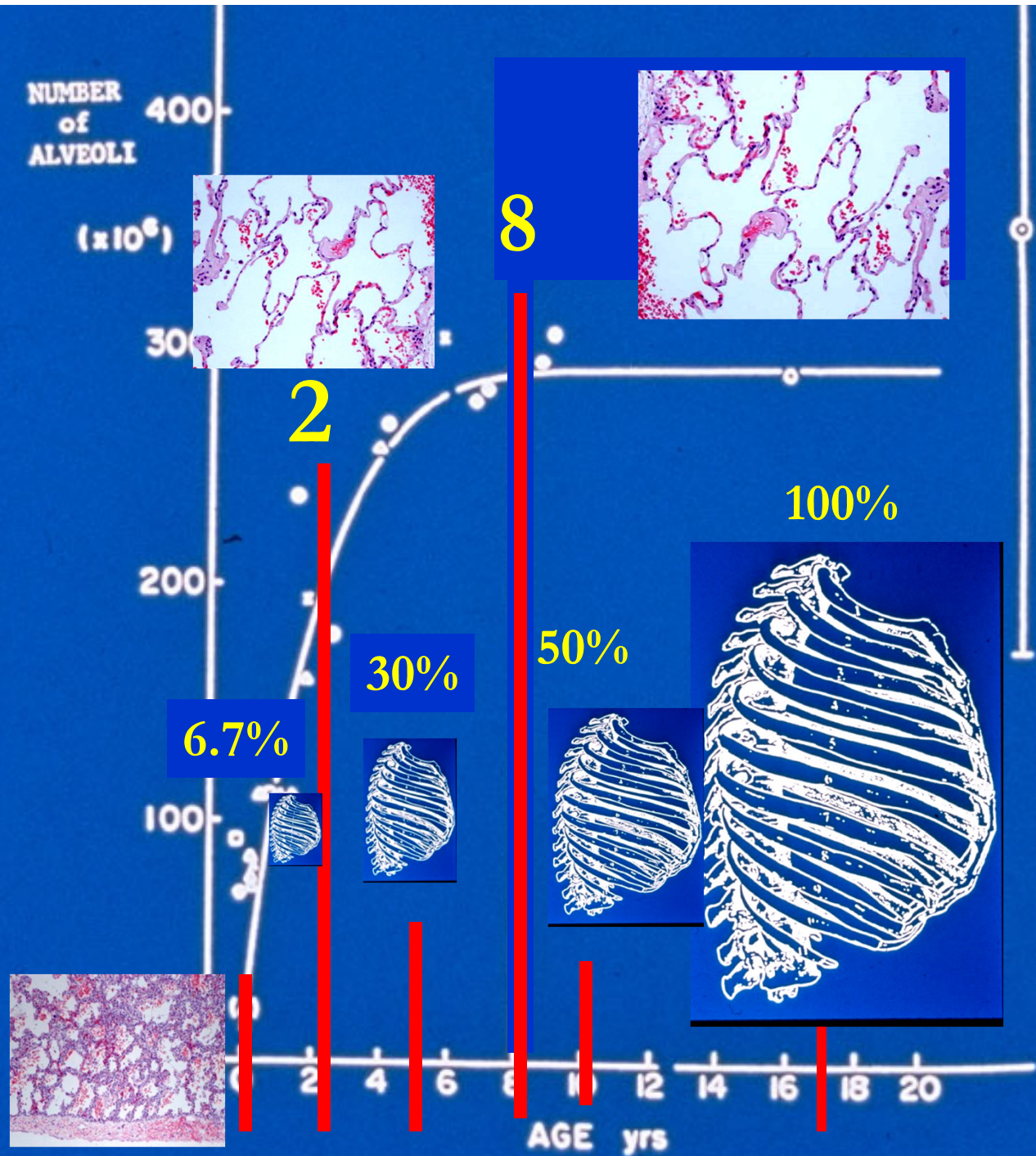
**The Inability of the Thorax to Support
Normal Respiration
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Lung
Growth**

-Campbell, Smith et al.
J Bone Joint Surg, Mar , 2003
J Bone Joint Surg, Aug, 2004

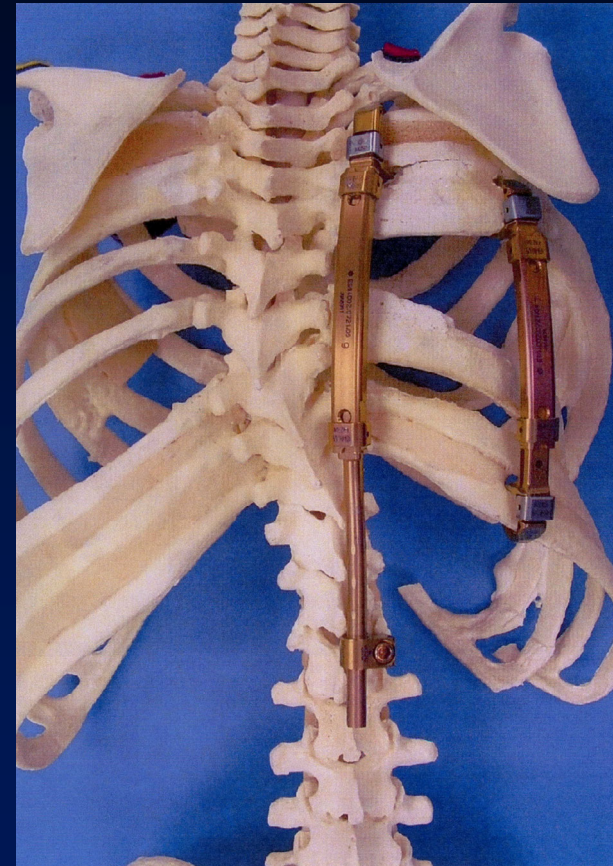
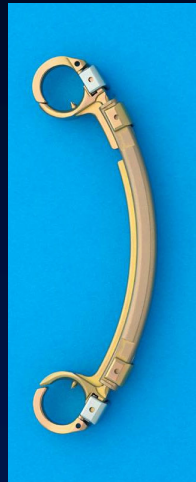
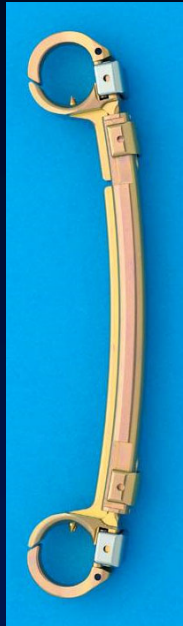
Dynamic Lung MRI



Lung and Thoracic Growth are Inter- Dependent



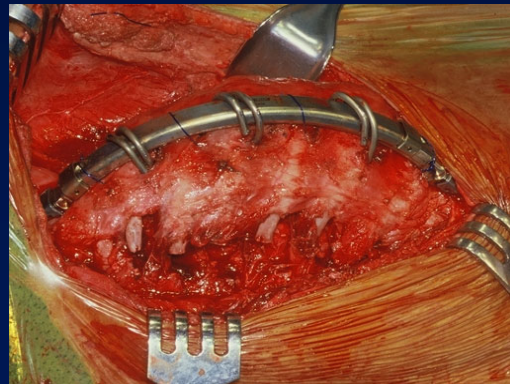
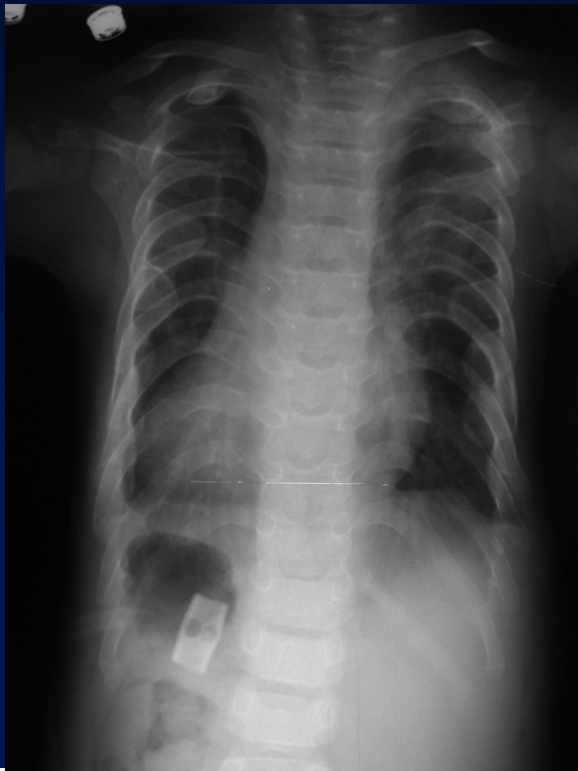
Treatment of TIS: (Prosthetic Rib) FDA approved 2004 for HDE



Prosthetic Rib Postero-Lateral Dynamic Expansion Thoracoplasty for Jeune's Syndrome

Natural History Mortality 80%

Prosthetic Rib Treatment Survival 70%



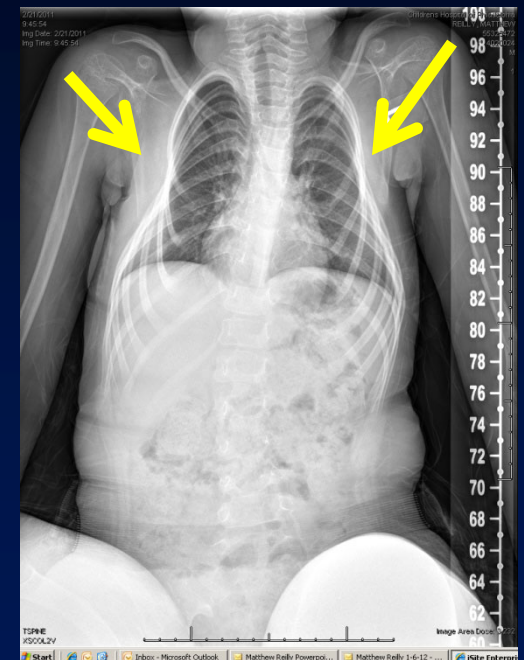
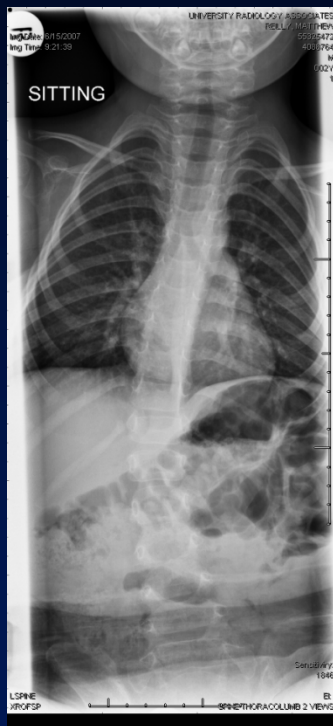
Spinal Muscular Atrophy

2007

2009

2010

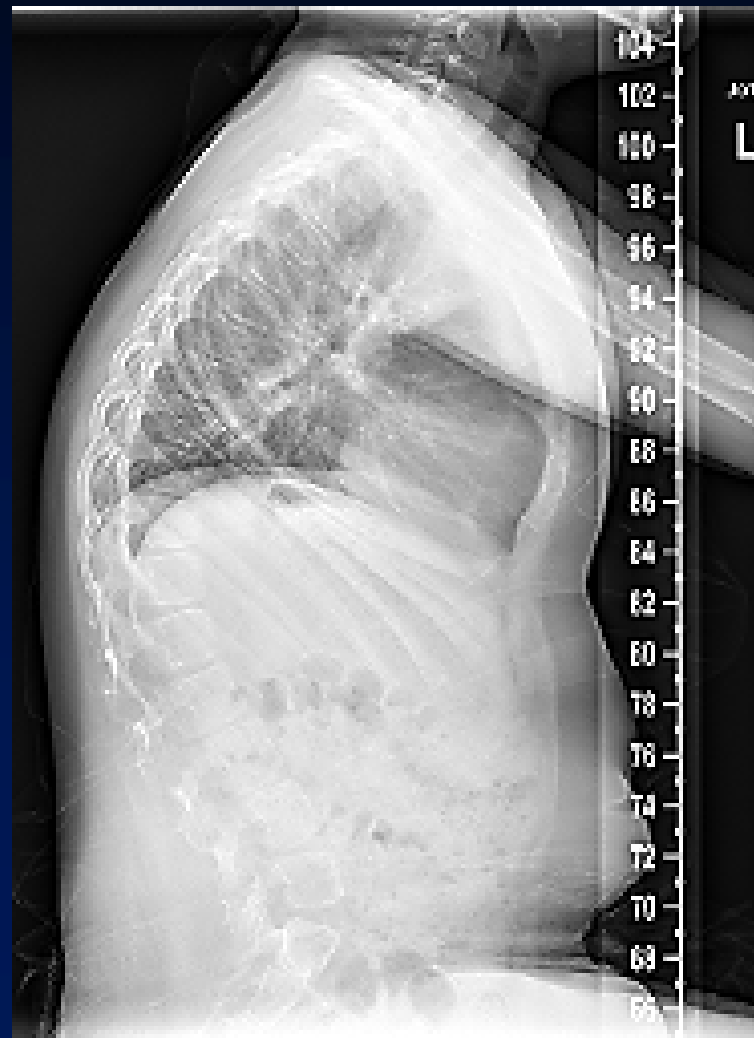
2011



3 y/o

7 y/o

Respiratory Rate 40/min, Vital Capacity dropping



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Increased Thoracic Deformity

Presentation

9 month F/U

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Child



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Natural History

Age 7 : Presentation



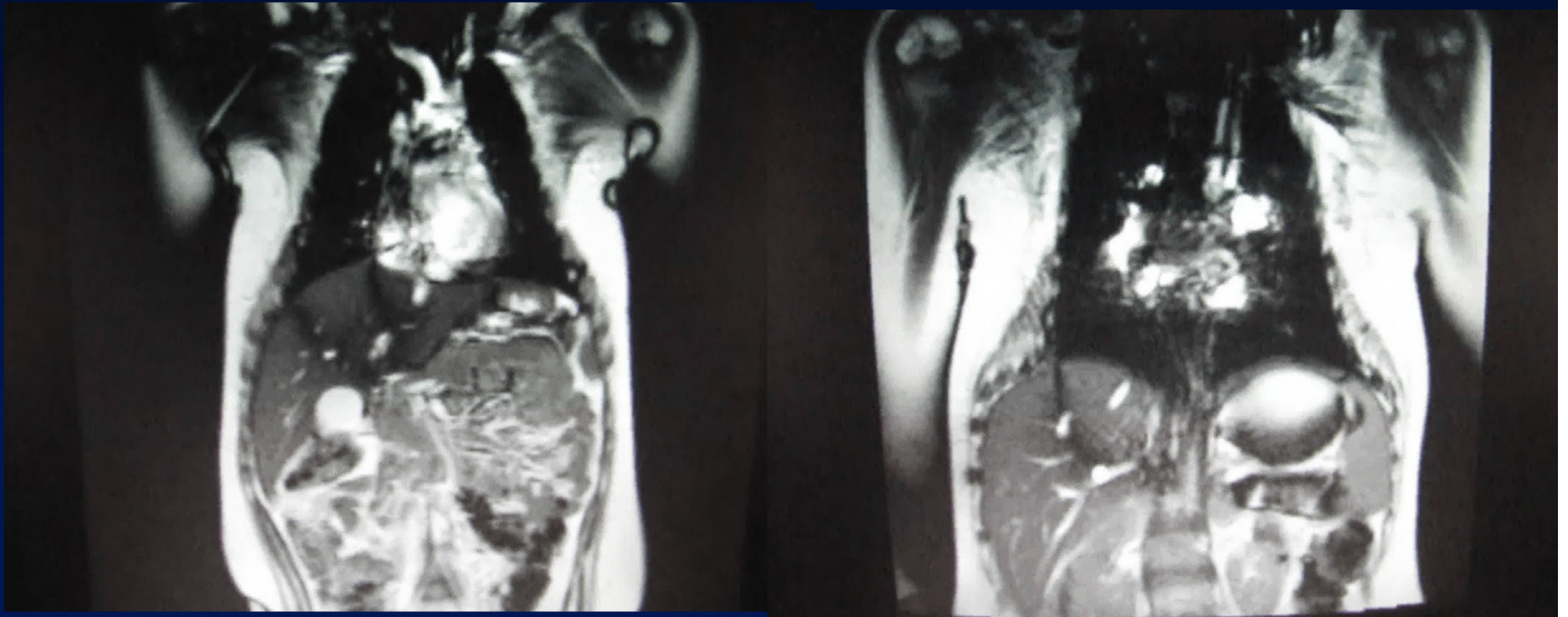
9 months later



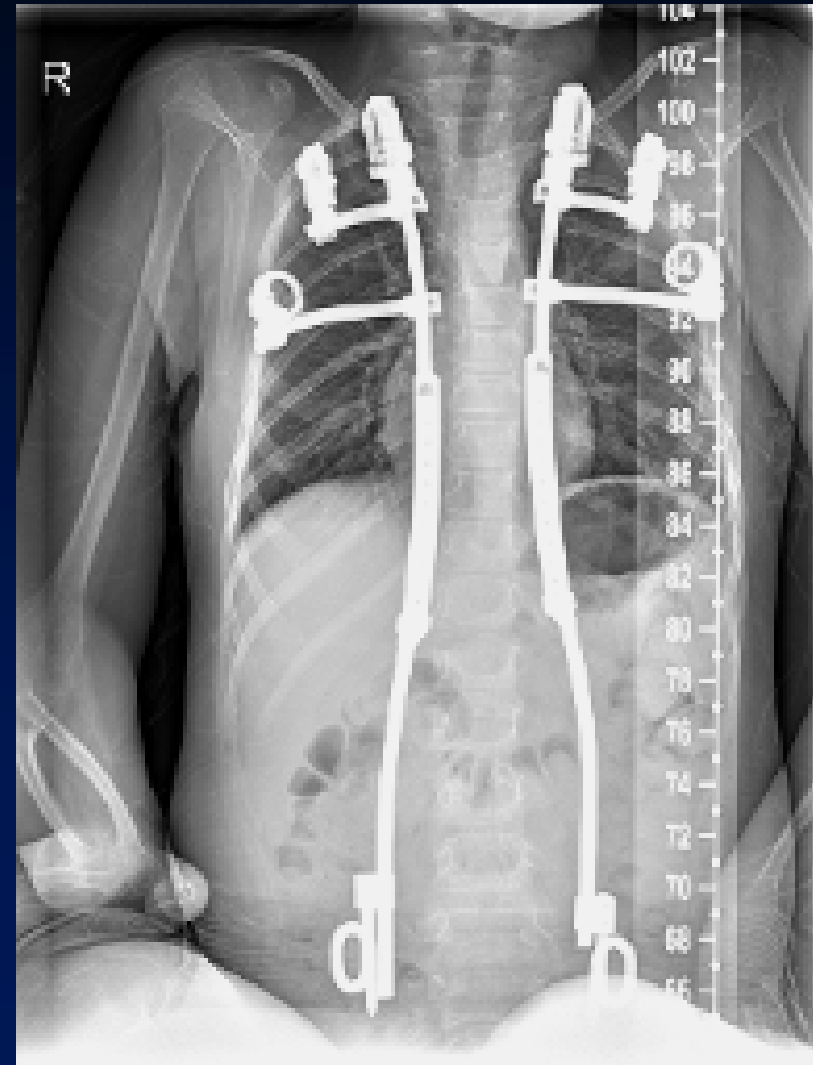
Dynamic Lung MRI

Presentation age 7

9 month later

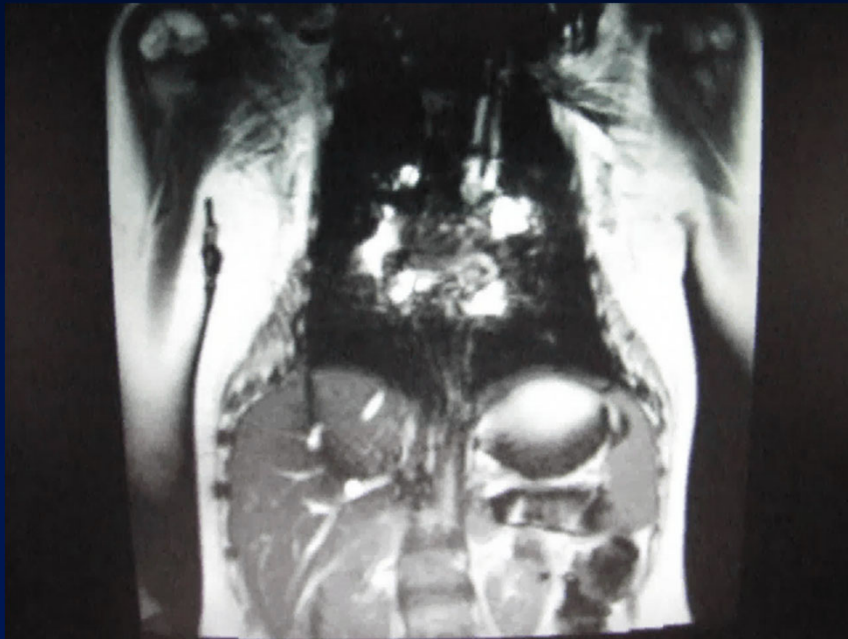


Expanded Thoracic Volume



Subjective Increase in Thoracic Function

Pre op



6 months Post op



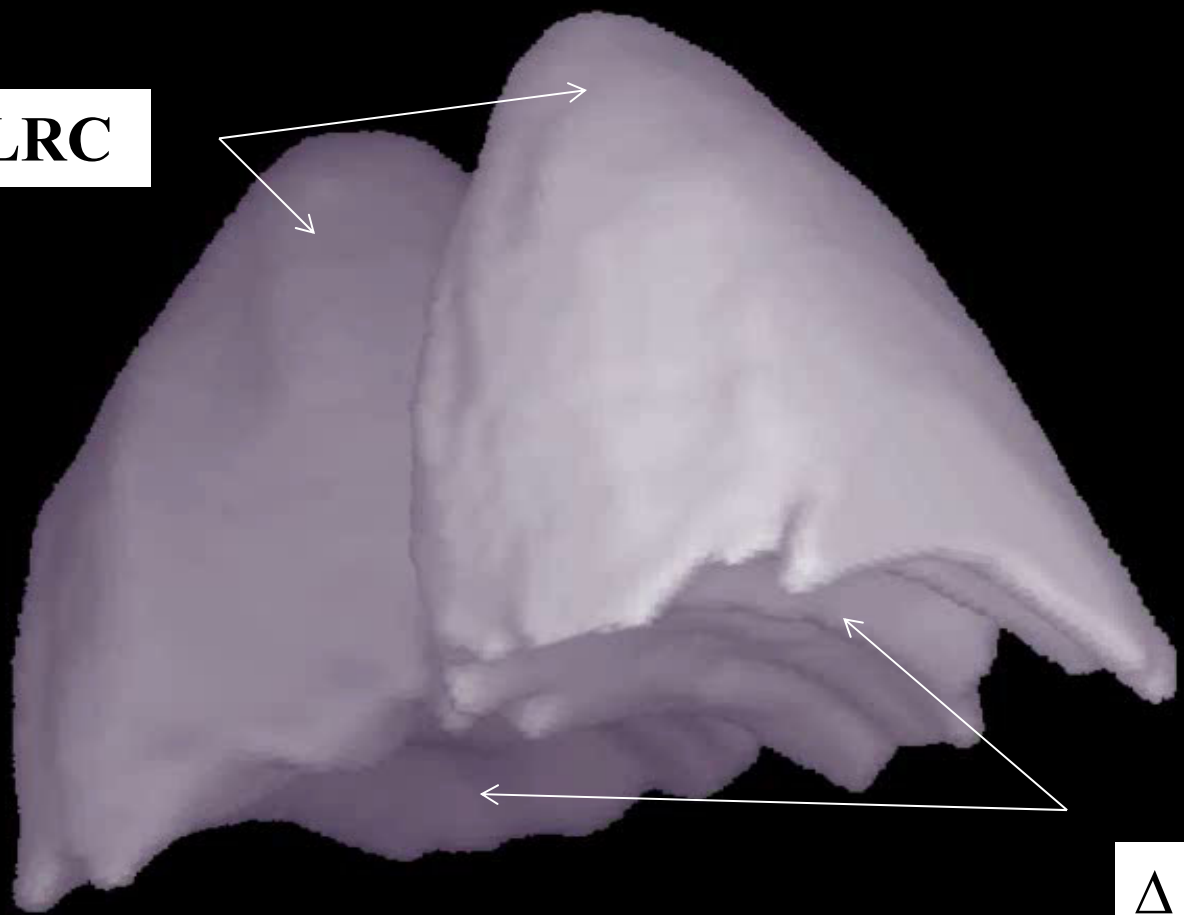
How can we quantify this so
we get some numbers?



Dynamic Lung MRI (dMRI)

ΔL

ΔLRC



ΔLD

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Retrospective 4D MR image construction from free-breathing slice Acquisitions: A novel graph-based approach



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4D image construction approach*

- A purely image-based, retrospective 4D Image construction from “free-breathing” MRI slice acquisitions
- Expected features
 - no need for external tidal volume measurement
 - no requirement on breath holding
 - no need to estimate respiratory signal and sort images with respiratory signal (no registration or curve fitting operation)

*Tong, Udupa, et al.. MeDIA, 35 (2017) 345–359.

Acquiring 2D slices

Gather all slices with anatomic spatial and dynamic information about the free-breathing thorax



Constructing optimal 3D scenes

Determine breathing phases & label reference nodes



Build a weighted graph, $G = (A, P, w)$



Search optimal paths on graph & each best path for one best 3D scene



Constructing an optimal 4D image

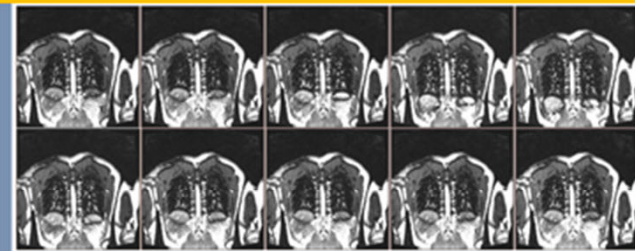
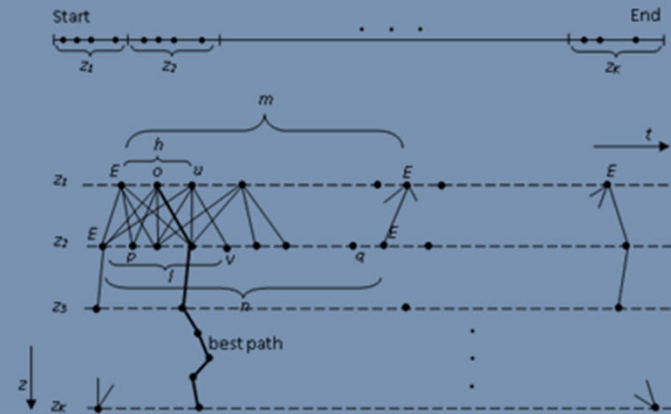
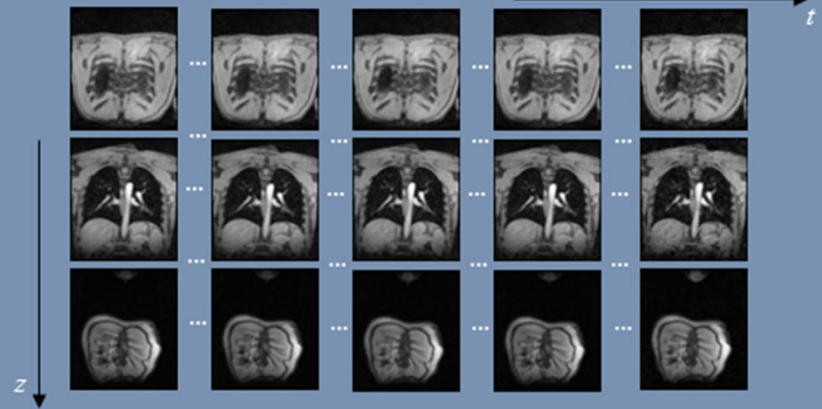
Select one subset of 3D scenes with smallest cost to construct an optimal 4D image over one respiratory period

Graph $G = (A, P, w)$

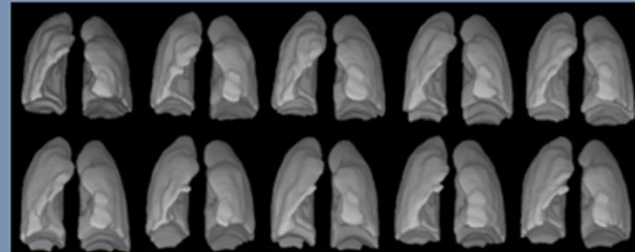
A : set of all 2D images with each image as a node in G

P : set of arcs

w : weight between two nodes at neighbor locations

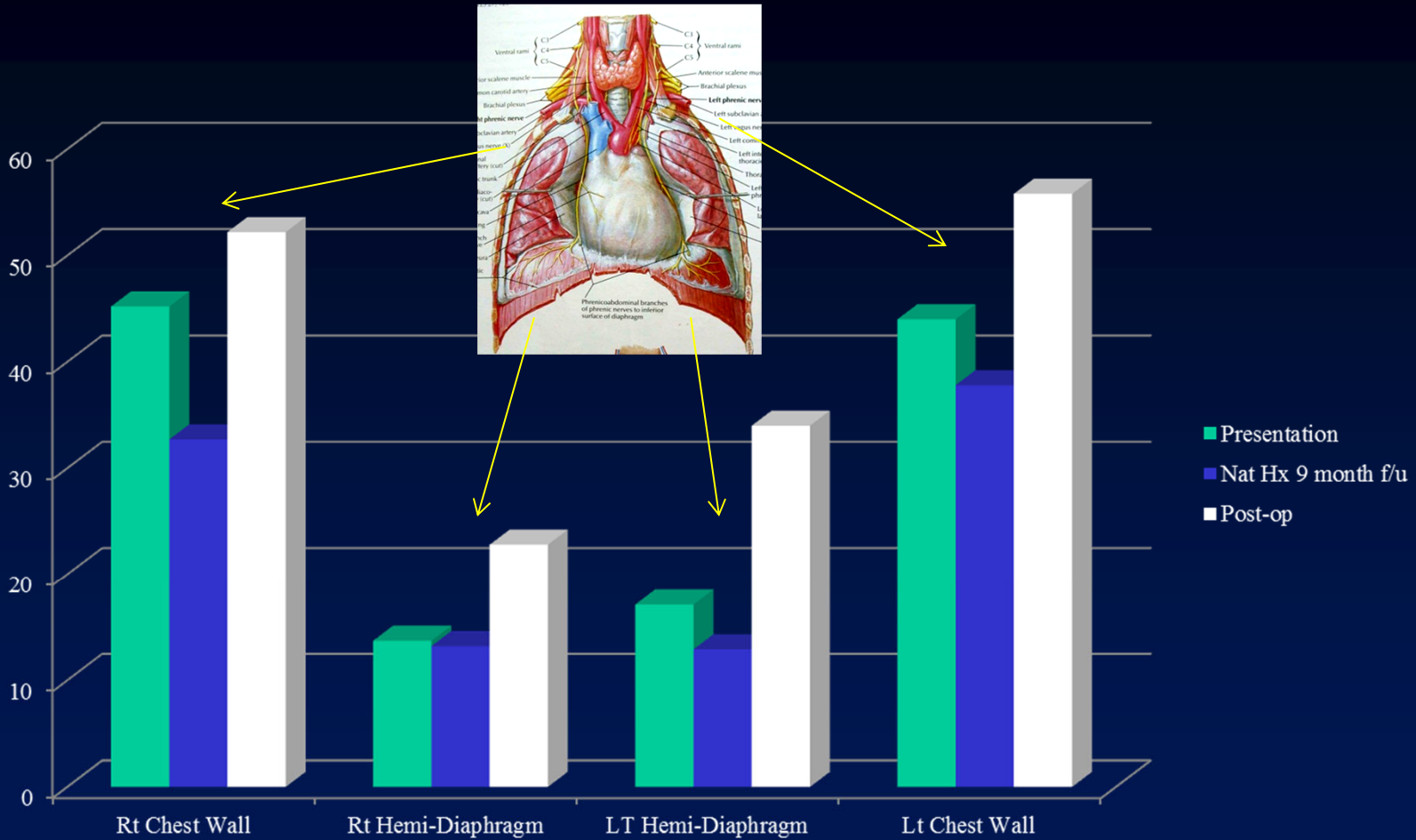


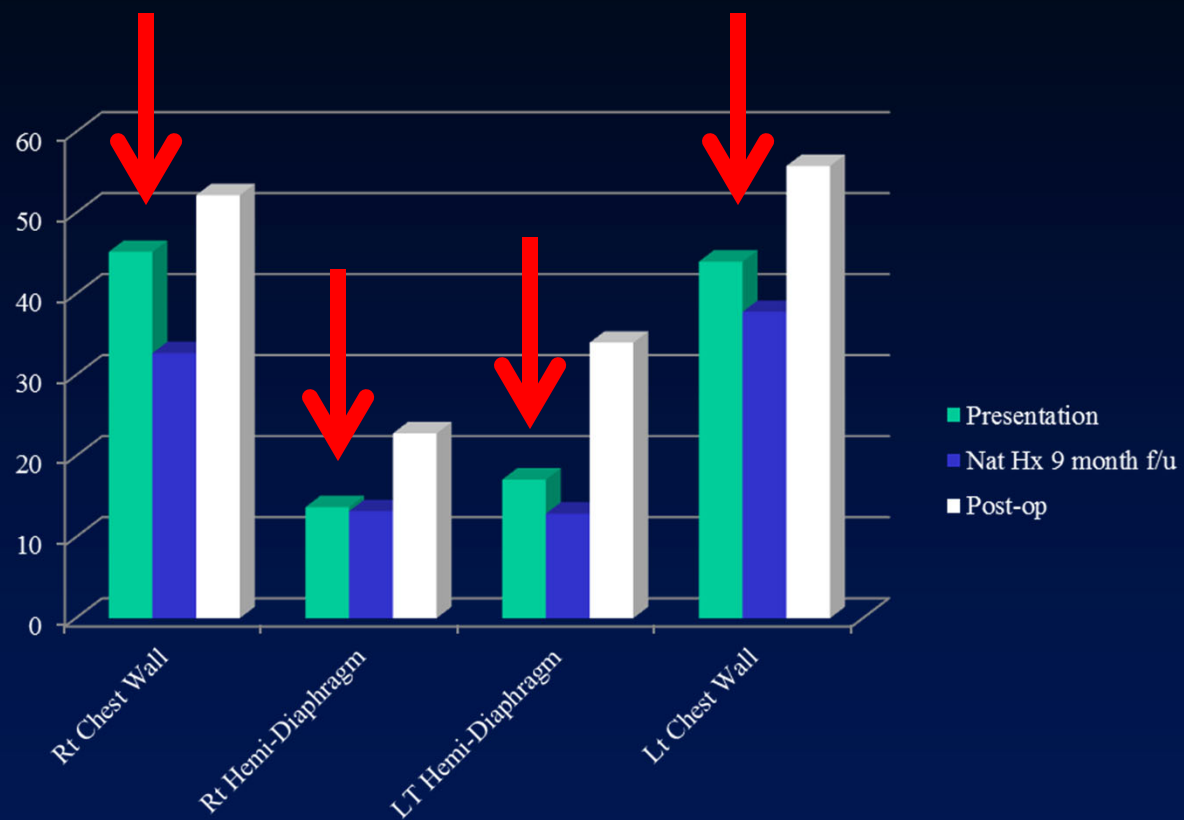
Constructed 4D Image over one period (10 time points).

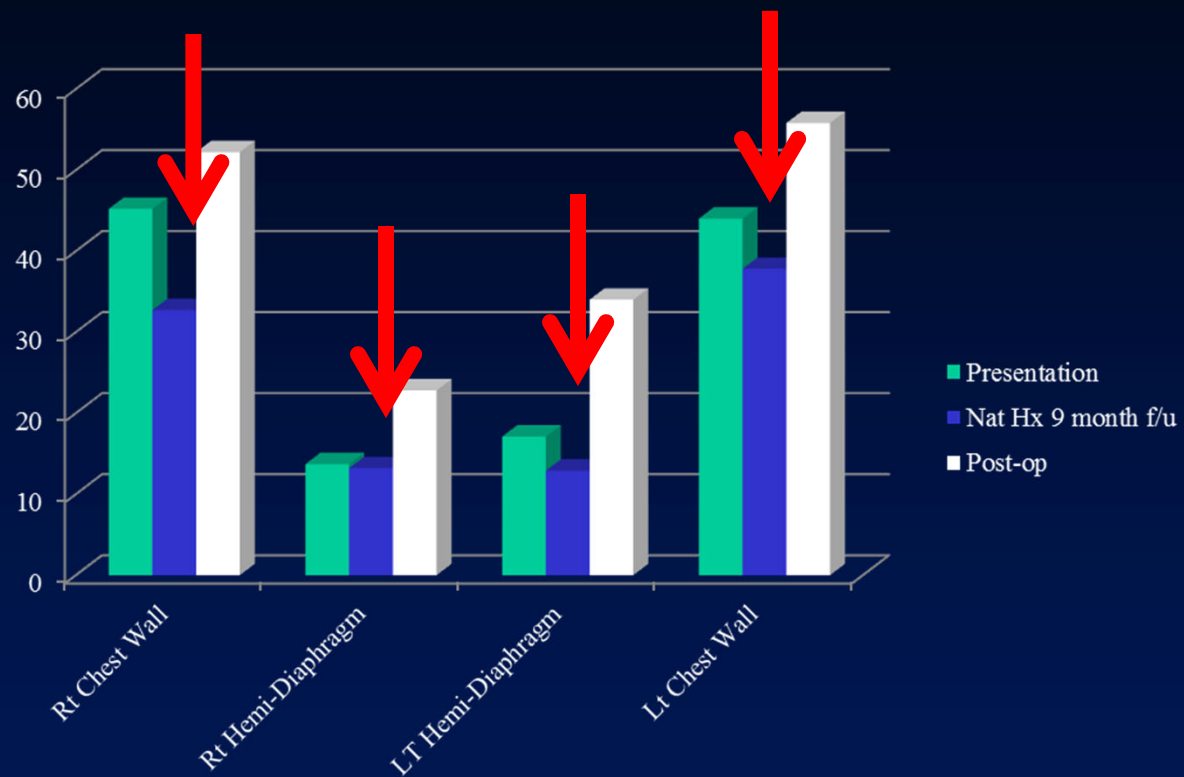


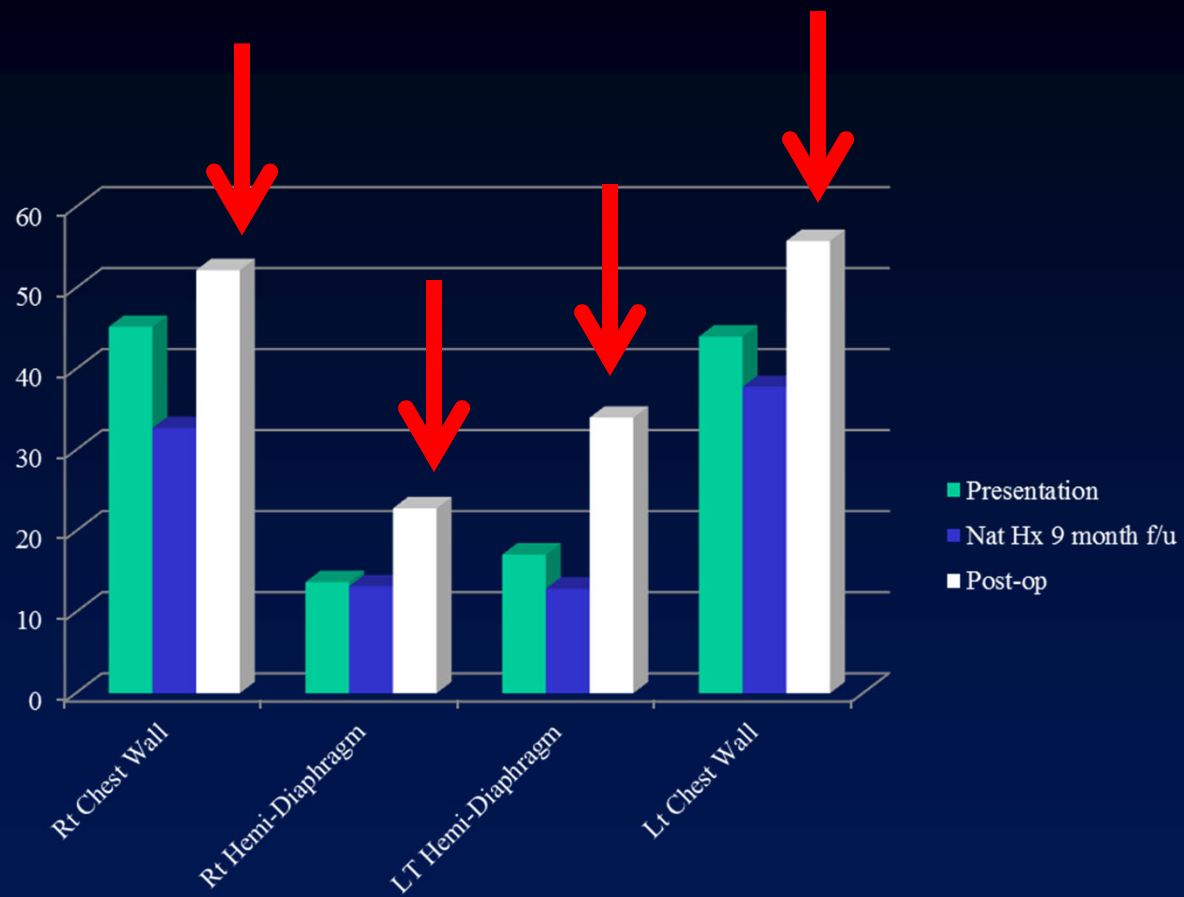
Surface renditions of 10 volumes.

Thoracic Performance Index









Thoracic Performance Index

Chest Wall Expansion

Diaphragm Excursion

Presentation

- 89.2 cc (74.3%)
Total 120cc

30.8cc (25.7%)

9 month f/u
pre-op

- 70.5cc (73%)
Total 96.6cc

26.1cc (27%)

↓ 21%

↓ 15.3%

6 months post-op

- 108cc (65.5%)
164.8cc

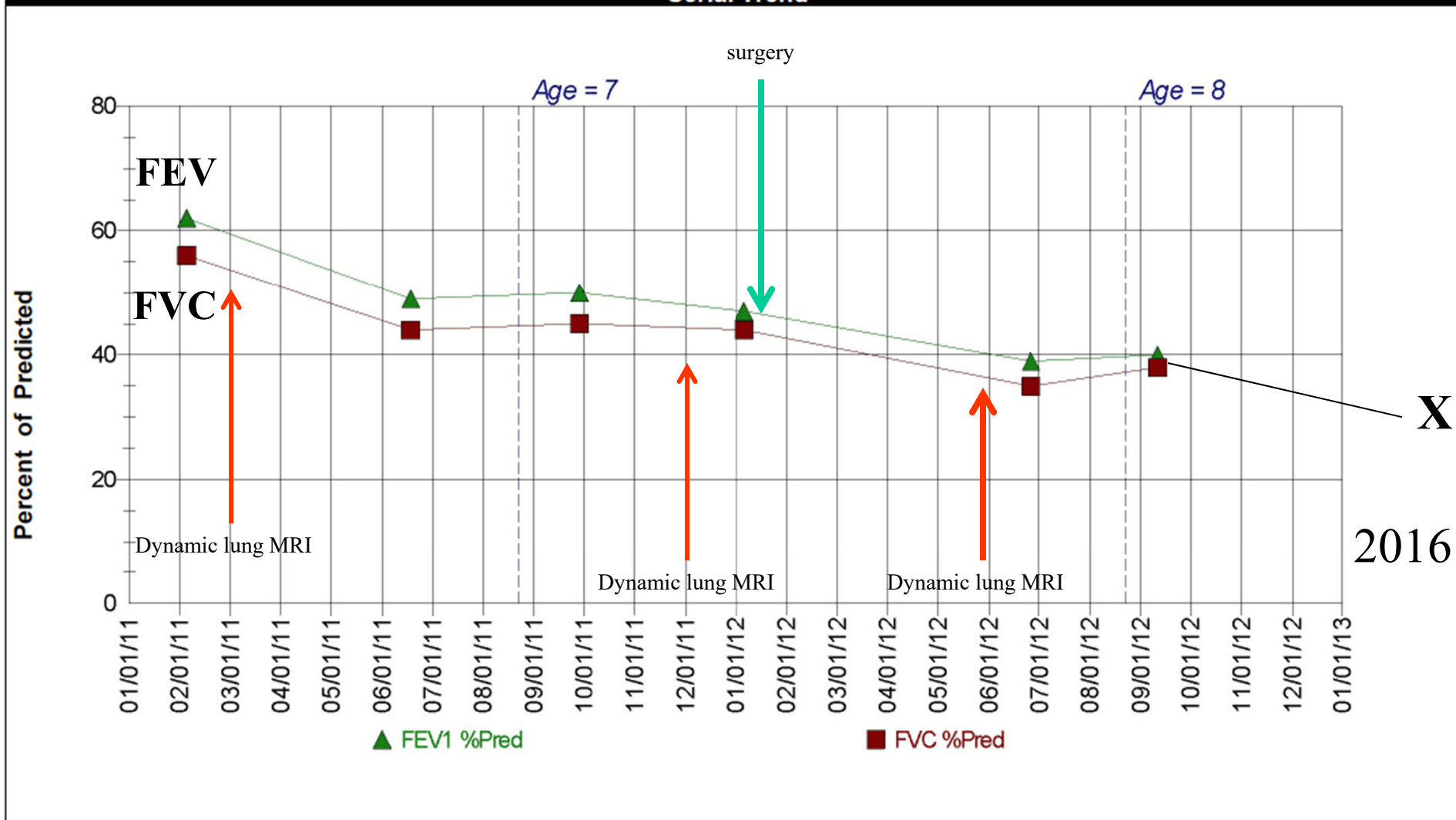
56.6cc (34%)

- ↑ 53.2%

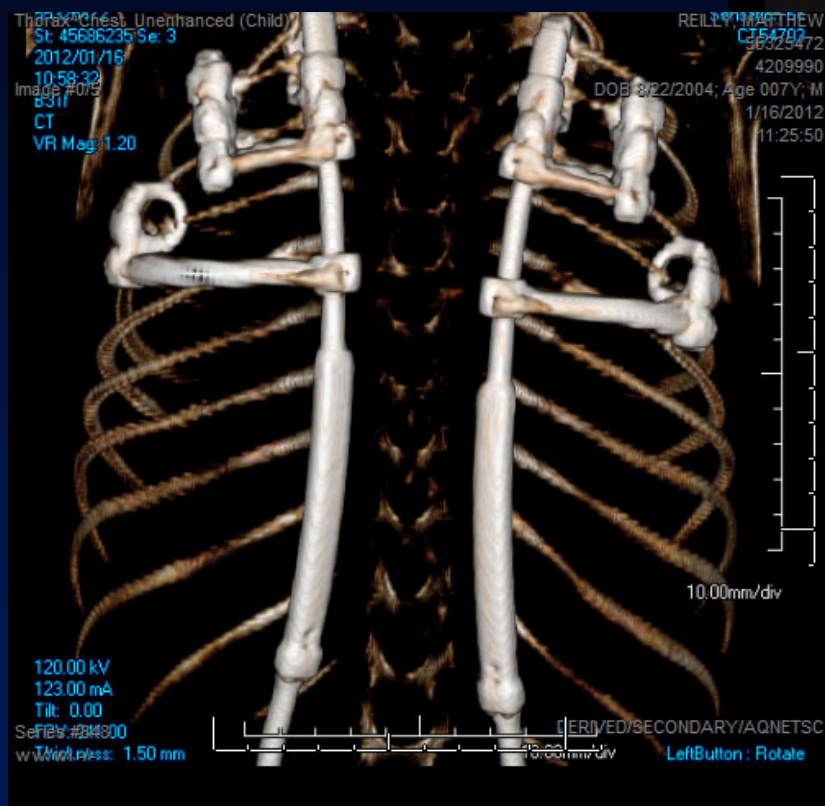
↑ 117.6%

Pulmonary Function tests: FVC, FEV

Serial Trend



5 yr f/u



Final Thoughts

- A dynamic thoracic model of chest/spine abnormalities is needed
- Dynamic Lung MRI assessment is useful for monitoring static/dynamic components of these complex contributions to thoracic insufficiency

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