# Novel approach to multilevel congenital scoliosis in young children

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### Method

- 2 male syndromic patients with multilevel congenital scoliosis
- Both failed non operative treatment
- Multilevel spinal osteotomies
- Insertion of biologically inert substance into the osteotomy sites ( ex. bone wax, autologous adipose tissue)
- Subfacial insertion of magnetic spinal growing rods (MSGR)
- Frequent, small increment lengthening of MSGRs

# Results

Follow up - 2y 9mo & 2y MAGEC, 5y Phenix and MAGEC combined No perioperarive complications No complications to date – no infections, neuro deficit, hardware issues or junctional deformities (Phenix replaced by **MAGEC** at its limit)

## Results

Lengthenings – Q 6 weeks at 2 mm setting per lengthening
Average lengthening - 0.9 mm/mo.
Average pre operative Cobb angle - 98 deg
Average Cobb angle at last follow up - 55 deg
Improvement in sagittal profile

#### **Results - pulmonary function**

Dramatic improvement in both patients No pneumonias since surgery in both. One or two PICU admissions per year for respiratory issues for both prior to treatment PFTs in one cooperative patient improved from 41% predicted to 94% predicted (within normal limits)

4 y/o male **Coffin-Sirus** syndrome **Developmental delay** Tracheomalasia Non verbal Severe early onset scoli 104 deg. High early mortality deg **2\* to respiratory** failure Failed non operative treatment **Unsegmented bar** noted on concavity



149 mm-

Multilevel osteotomies Phenix magnetic rod insertion, continued to lengthen 47

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<sup>P</sup> Revised to MAGEC as Phenix rod failed Continues to lengthen with curve correction 24 mo after implant

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13.3 mm 23.2 mm

12.2 mm8 mm

160 m

7 y/o male with syndromic skeletal dysplasia with congenital scoliosis, C2 – occiput instability, and multiple extremity deformities and length discrepancies

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A age 9 years post C3 occiput fusion, 86 deg curve Additional extremity surgeries Lossy: 20:1

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7 months later Age 11 93 degree curve SOB with mild exertion

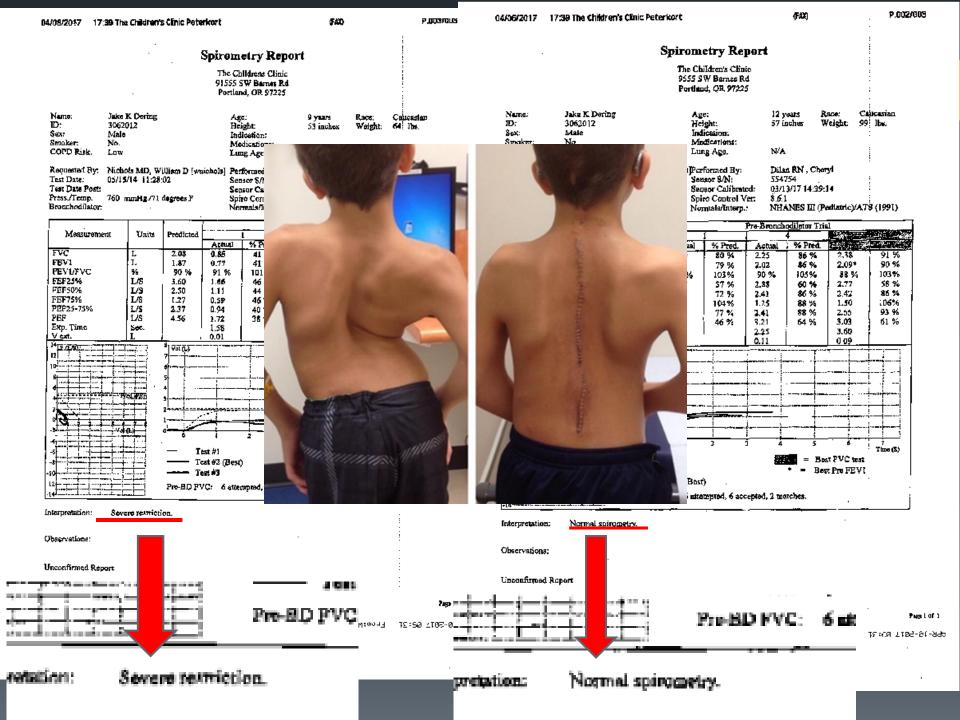
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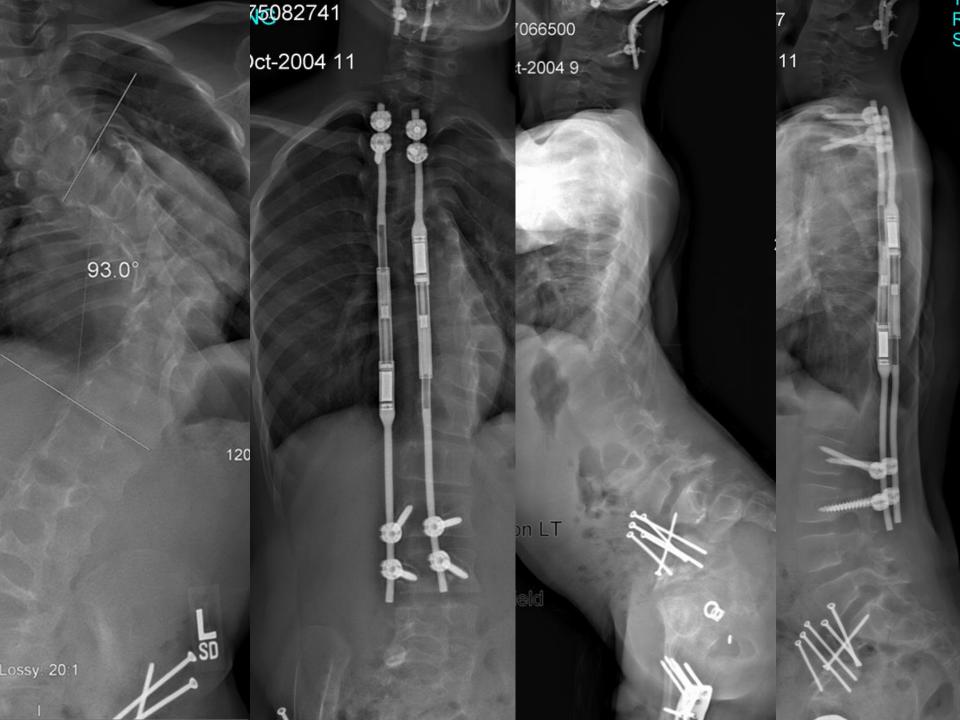
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#### Conclusion

Our technique of multiple osteotomies, preservation of mobility using interposition inert material, insertion of MSGRs with frequent, small increment lengthening would appear to hold a promise in treatment of severe congenital scoliosis