Top 6 Reasons Three Column Osteotomies Are Needed



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Need Patient Specific Plan

 Can't be rigid in decision making

 Deformity Surgery is not a "one-size-fits-all"





Three Column Osteotomies Reason #6: Focal Deformity





Deformed T4 and T5
MRI contraindicated
due to cochlear
implants



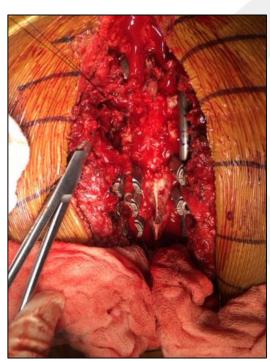
Reason #6: The DAR concept

- The Deformity Angulation Ratio is a measure of focal deformity
- DAR= Max. cobb/# levels

- "Patients with a total DAR ≥25 or sagittal DAR ≥15 are at much higher risk for intraoperative SCM events and new neurologic deficits"
 - -Wang, Lenke et al. Spine 2016



Correction of Focal Deformity

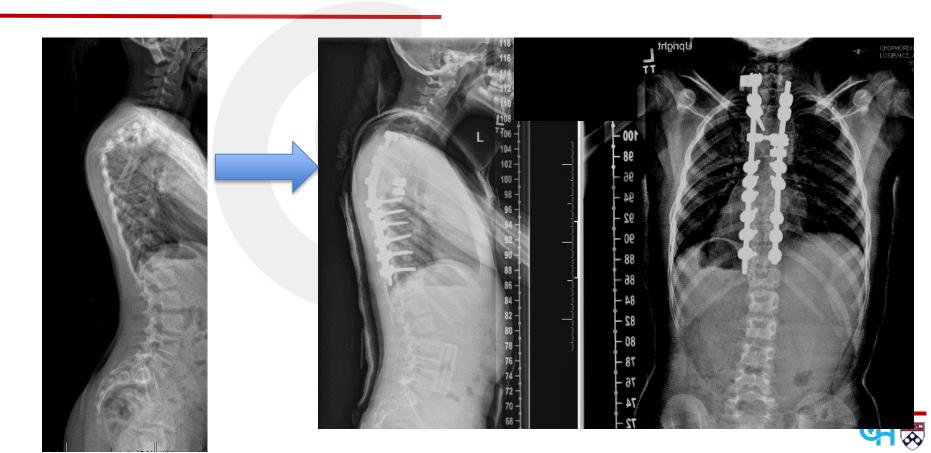








Can't Do This with Ponte's



Reason #5: Fusion Mass Dissection



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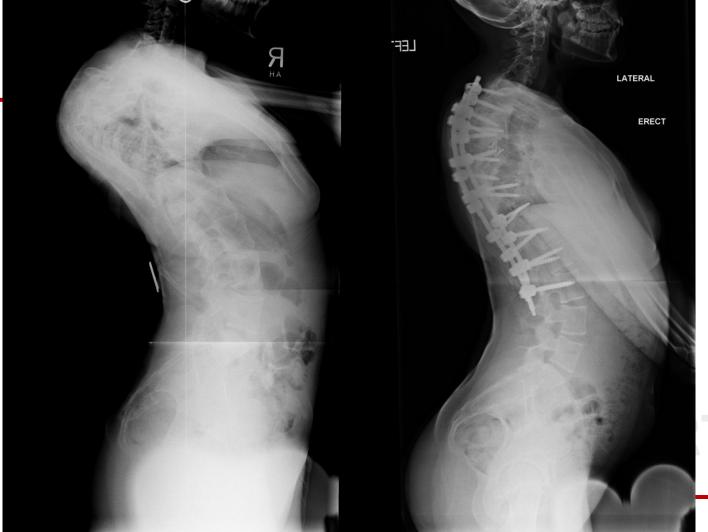
- PSF for ~120° scoliosis following halo gravity traction
 - Complicated by temporary loss of all LE motor function, bowel & bladder control, and most sensation
- Instrumentation removal 1yr.
 Later for infection









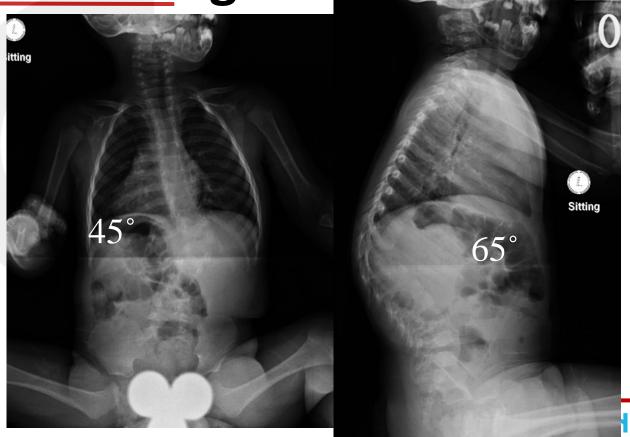


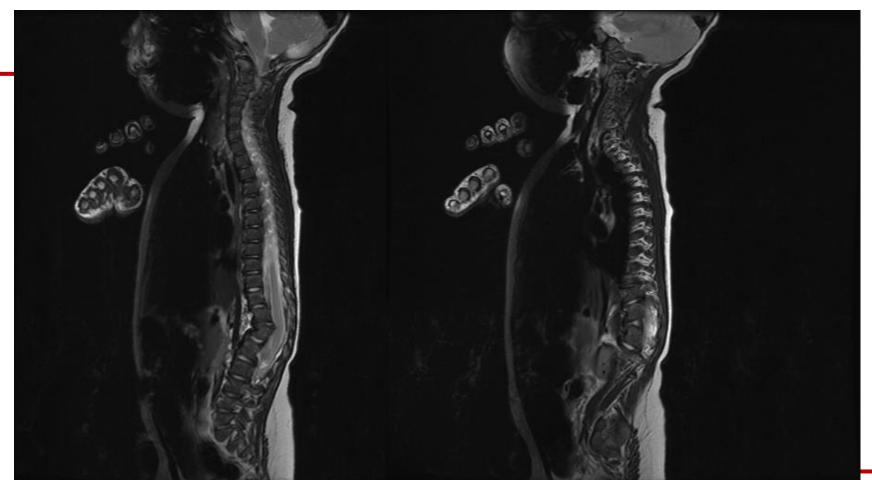
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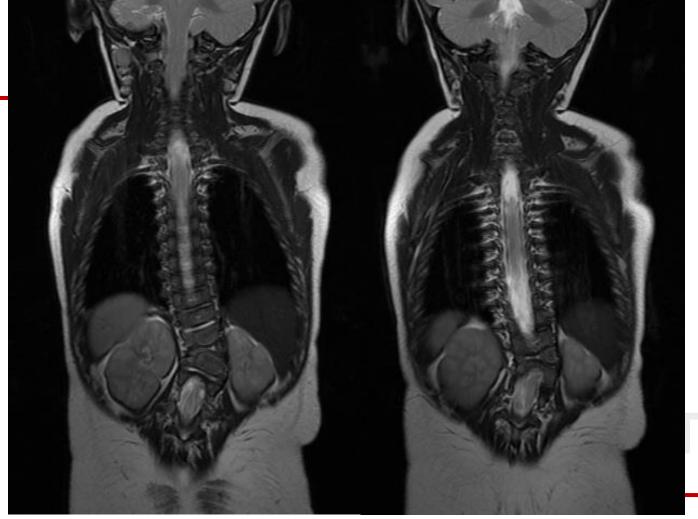
Reason #4: Saving Levels in EOS

• 2 y/o male with progressive congenital kyphoscoli osis



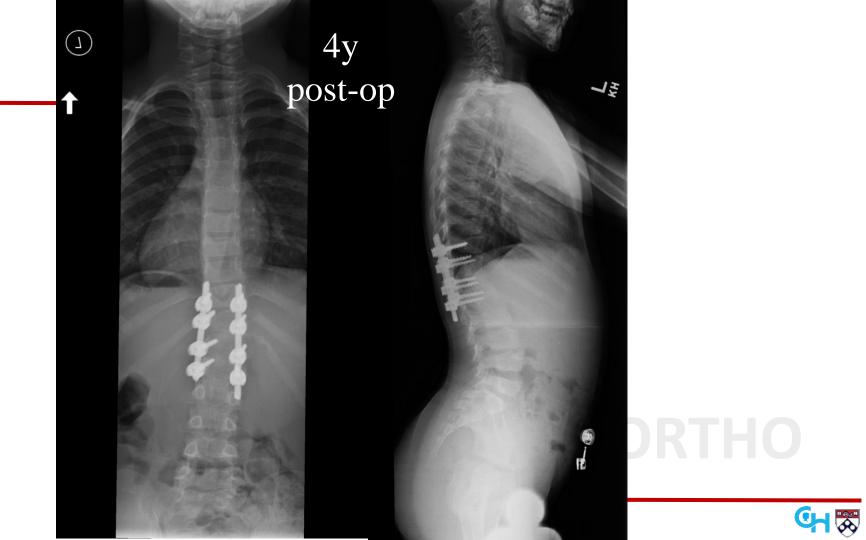




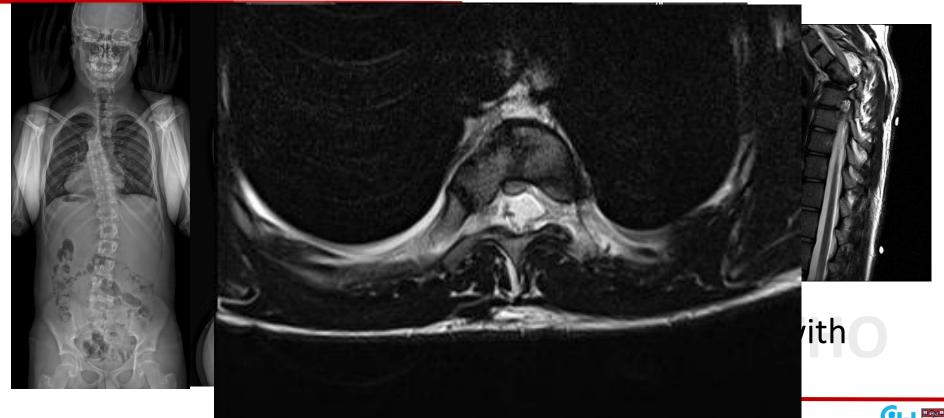








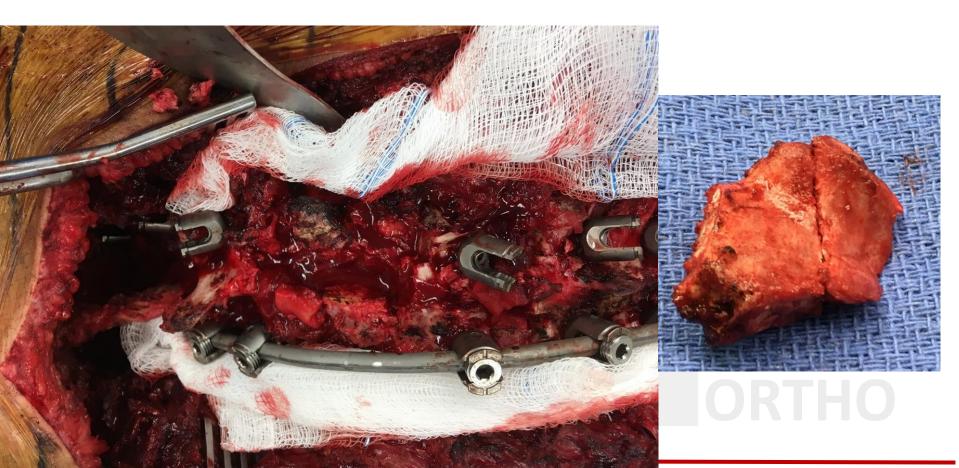
Reason #3: Decompression







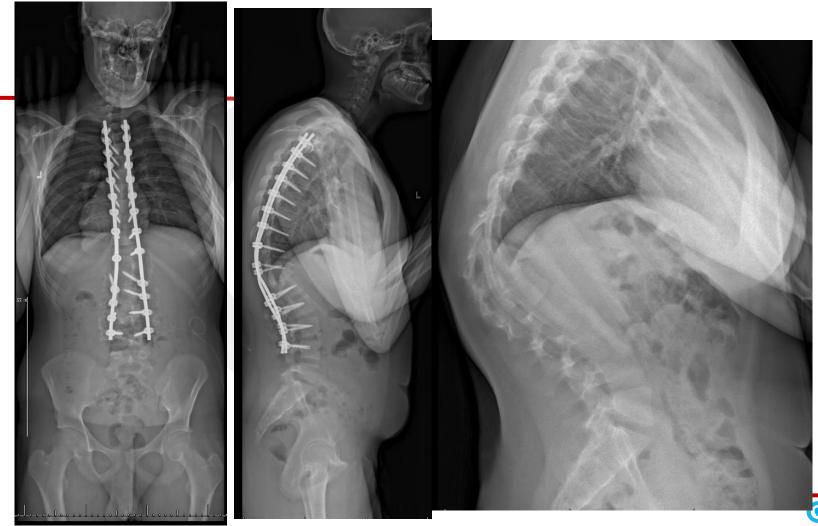














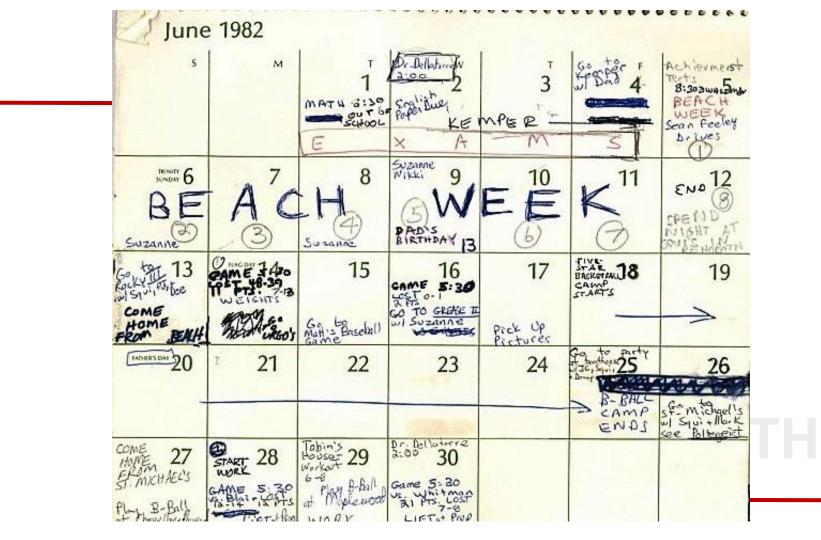
Reason #1: Need For Many Options

 Surgeons should have facility with multiple options for deformity correction

 Deformity surgery requires flexible thinking and problem solving







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