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Curve correction techniques

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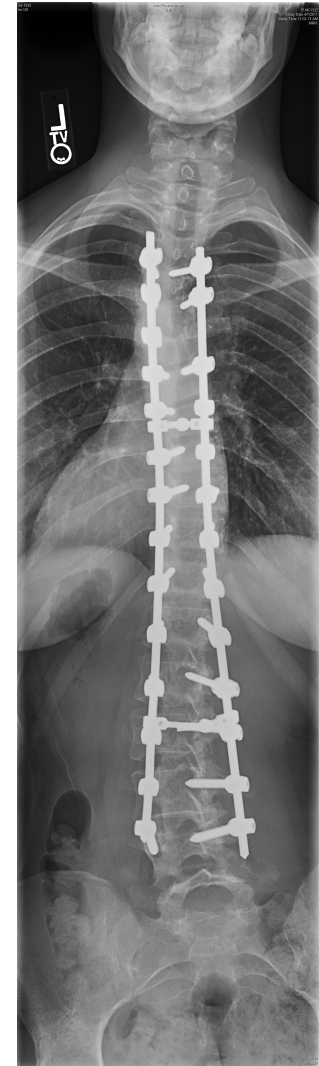
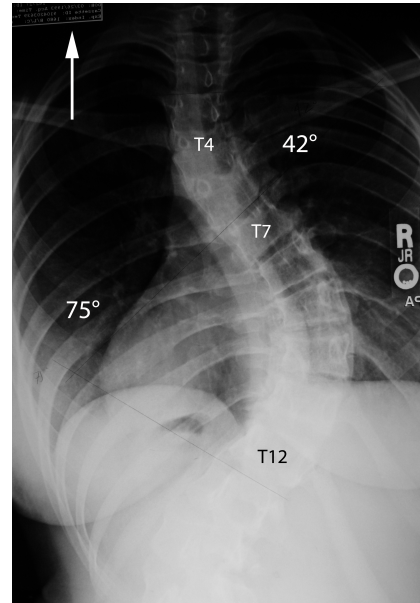
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Outline

1. 3-dimensionality of deformity
2. Passive correction
3. Facilitating correction
4. Active correction



SCOLIOSIS IS A 3-DIMENSIONAL DEFORMITY



LECTURES
ON THE
PATHOLOGY AND TREATMENT
OF
LATERAL AND OTHER FORMS
OF
CURVATURE OF THE SPINE.

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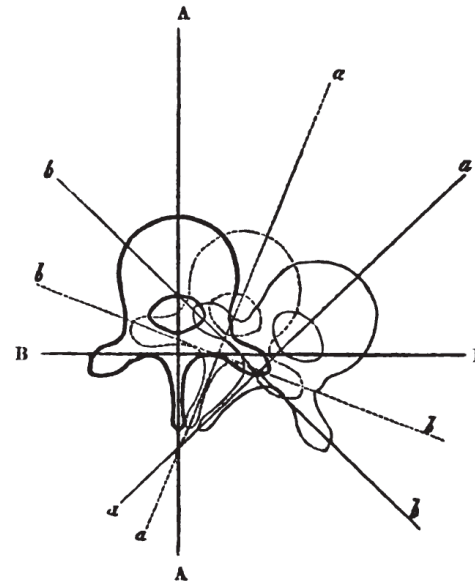
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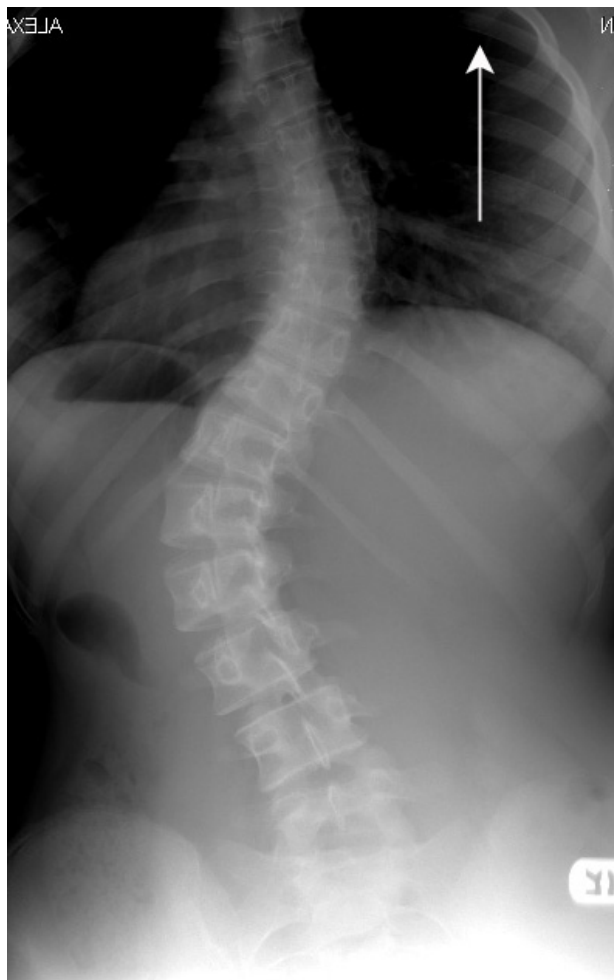
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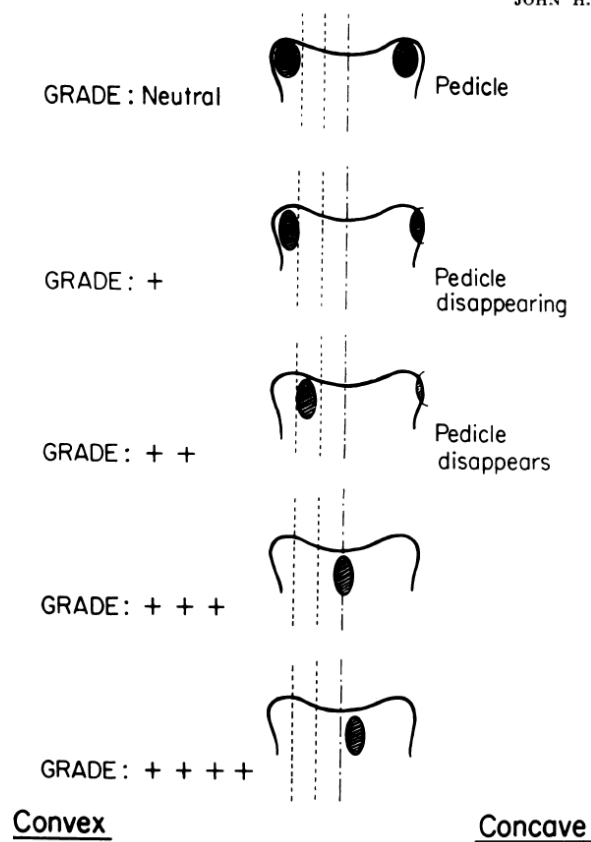


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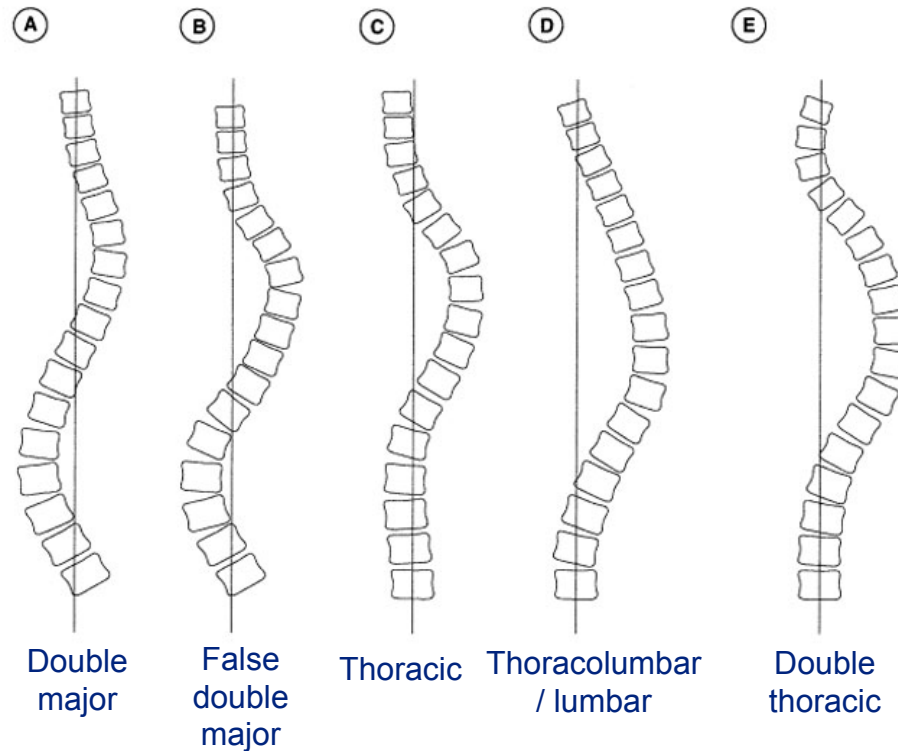


A Study of Vertebral Rotation

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King-Moe classification (AIS)



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Lenke classification (AIS)

Curve Type				
Type	Proximal Thoracic	Main Thoracic	Thoracolumbar / Lumbar	Curve Type
1	Non-Structural	Structural (Major*)	Non-Structural	Main Thoracic (MT)
2	Structural	Structural (Major*)	Non-Structural	Double Thoracic (DT)
3	Non-Structural	Structural (Major*)	Structural	Double Major (DM)
4	Structural	Structural (Major*)	Structural	Triple Major (TM)
5	Non-Structural	Non-Structural	Structural (Major*)	Thoracolumbar / Lumbar (TL/L)
6	Non-Structural	Structural	Structural (Major*)	Thoracolumbar / Lumbar - Main Thoracic (TL/L - MT)

STRUCTURAL CRITERIA
(Minor Curves)

Proximal Thoracic: - Side Bending Cobb $\geq 25^\circ$
- T2 - T5 Kyphosis $\geq +20^\circ$

Main Thoracic: - Side Bending Cobb $\geq 25^\circ$
- T10 - L2 Kyphosis $\geq +20^\circ$

Thoracolumbar / Lumbar: - Side Bending Cobb $\geq 25^\circ$
- T10 - L2 Kyphosis $\geq +20^\circ$

*Major = Largest Cobb Measurement, always structural
Minor = all other curves with structural criteria applied

LOCATION OF APEX
(SRS definition)

CURVE	APEX
THORACIC	T2 - T11-12 DISC
THORACOLUMBAR	T12 - L1
LUMBAR	L1-2 DISC - L4

Modifiers		
Lumbar Spine Modifier	CSVL to Lumbar Apex	
A	CSVL Between Pedicles	
B	CSVL Touches Apical Body(ies)	
C	CSVL Completely Medial	

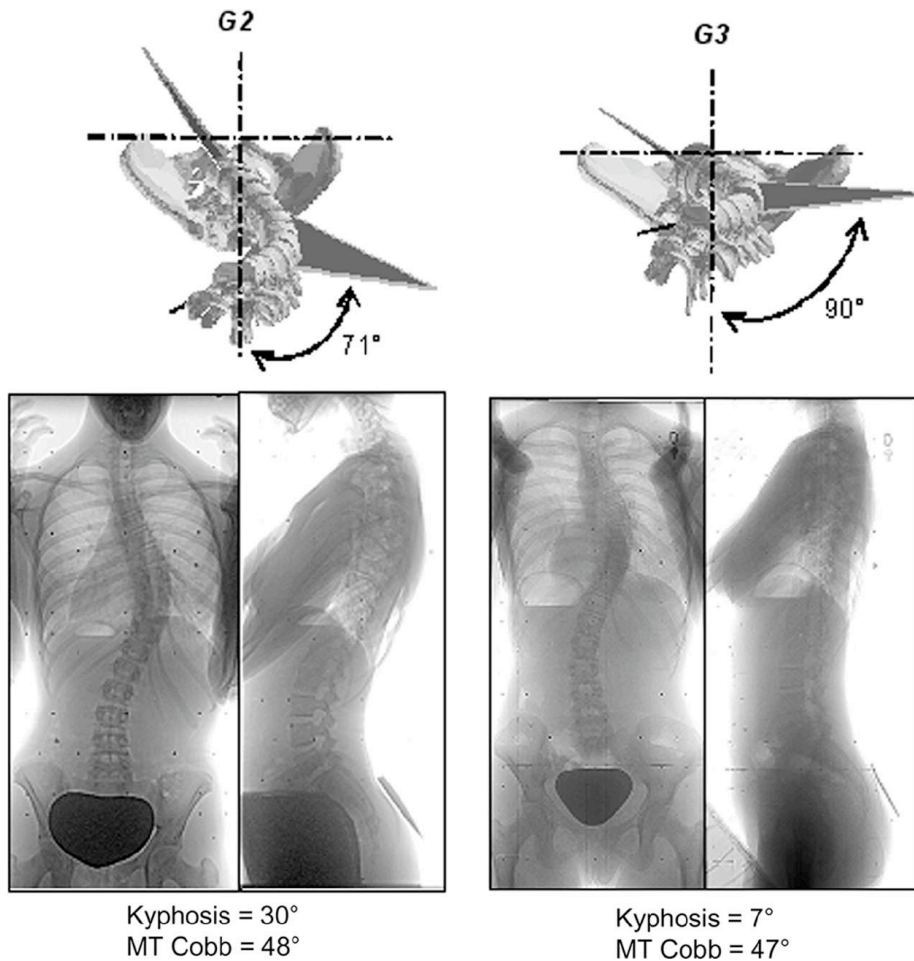
Thoracic Sagittal Profile T5 - T12	
- (Hypo)	< 10°
N (Normal)	10°- 40°
+ (Hyper)	> 40°

Curve Type (1-6) + Lumbar Spine Modifier (A, B, or C) + Thoracic Sagittal Modifier (-, N, or +)

Classification (e.g. 1B+): _____

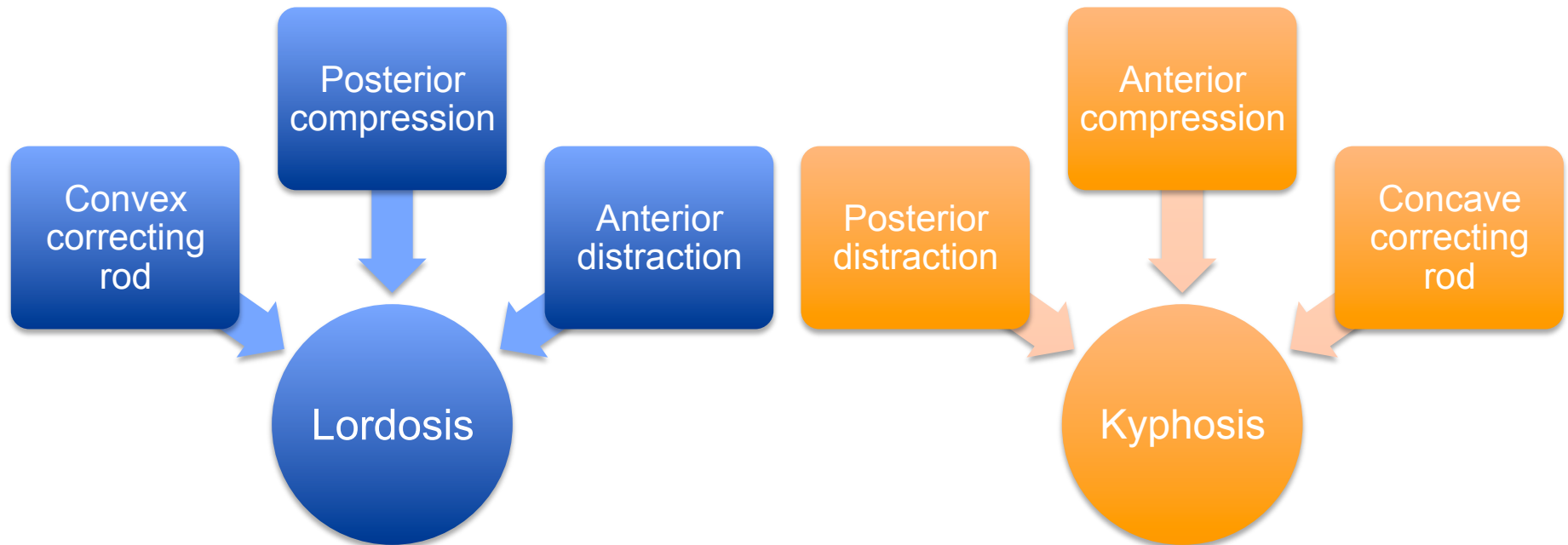
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Secondary effects of correction maneuvers

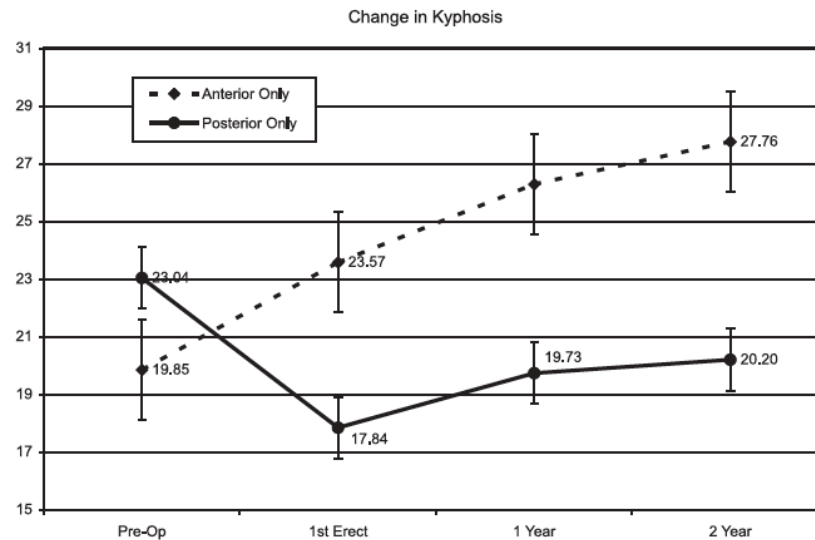


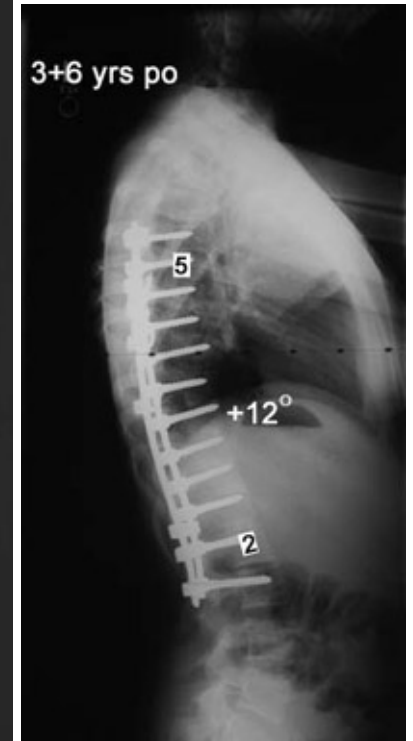
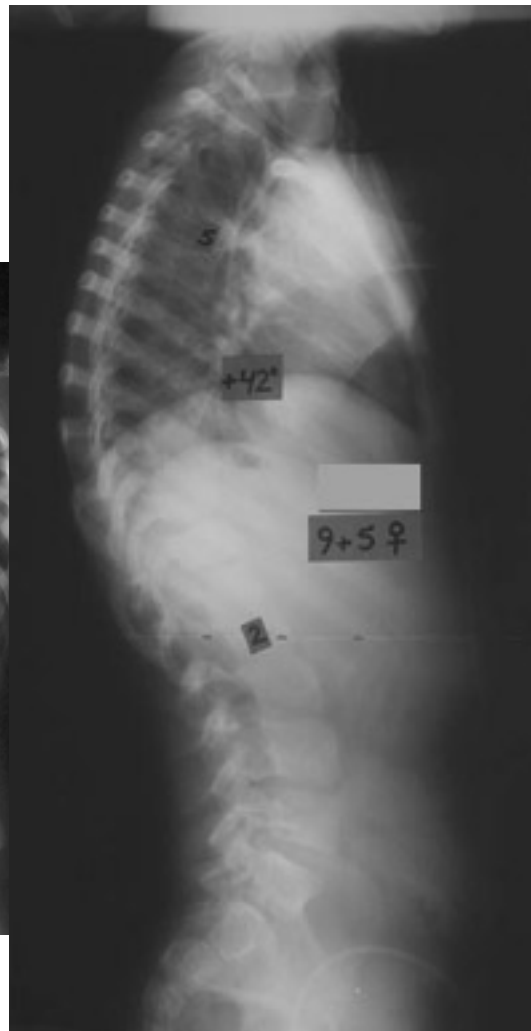
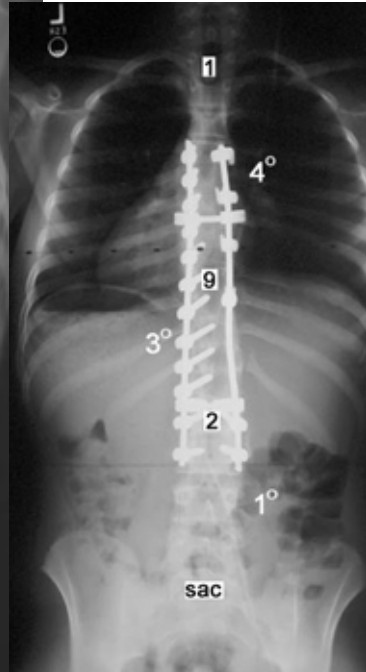
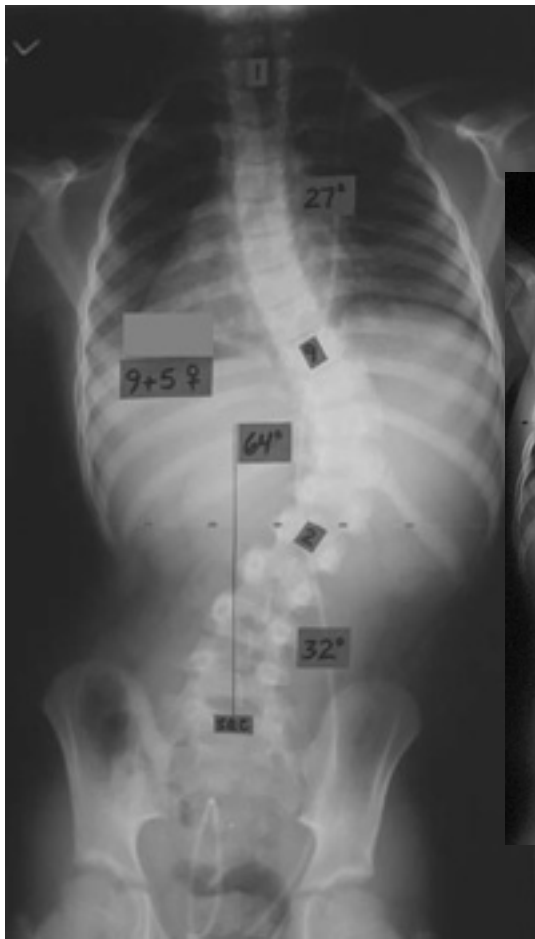
Thoracic kyphosis

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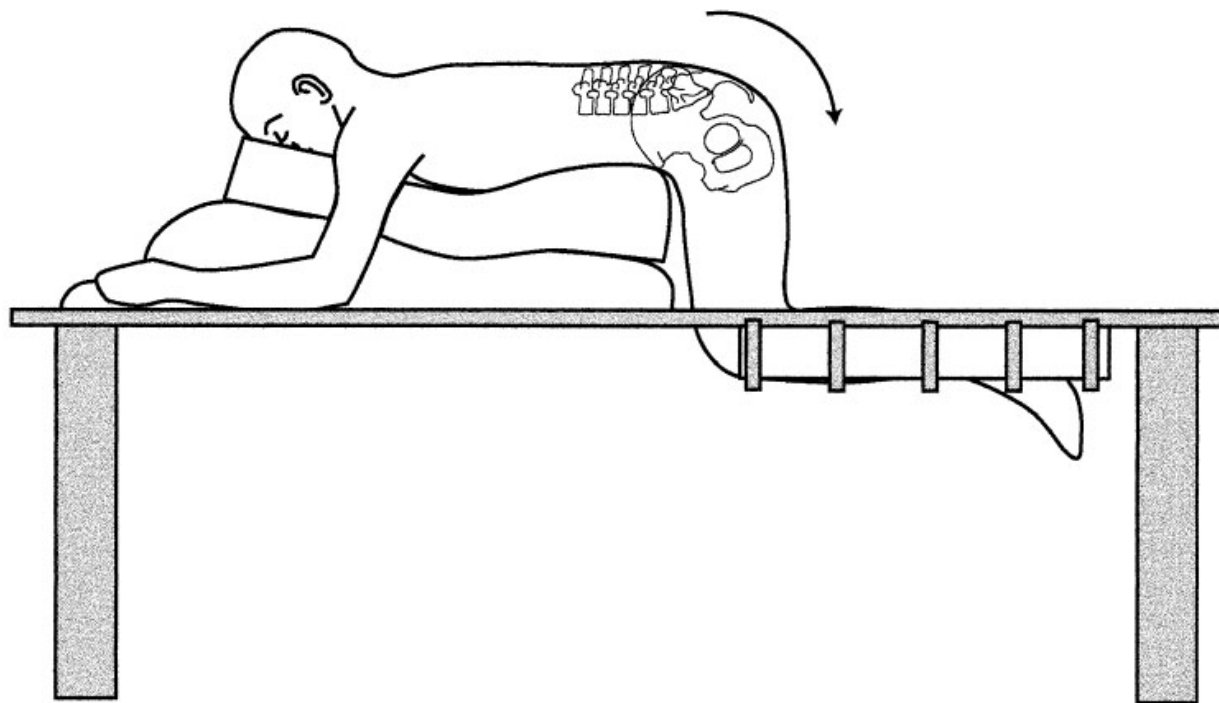
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PASSIVE CORRECTION TECHNIQUES

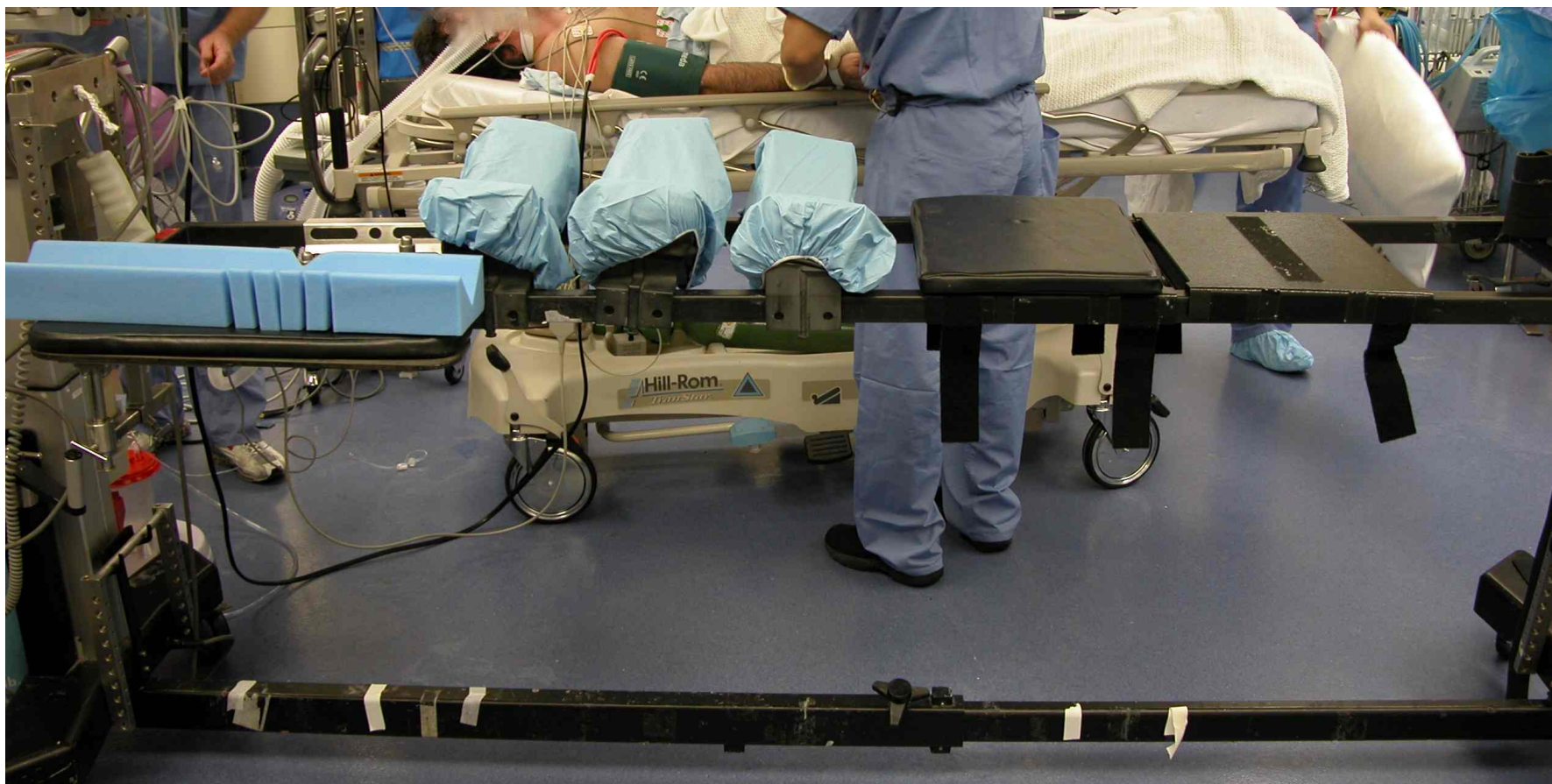




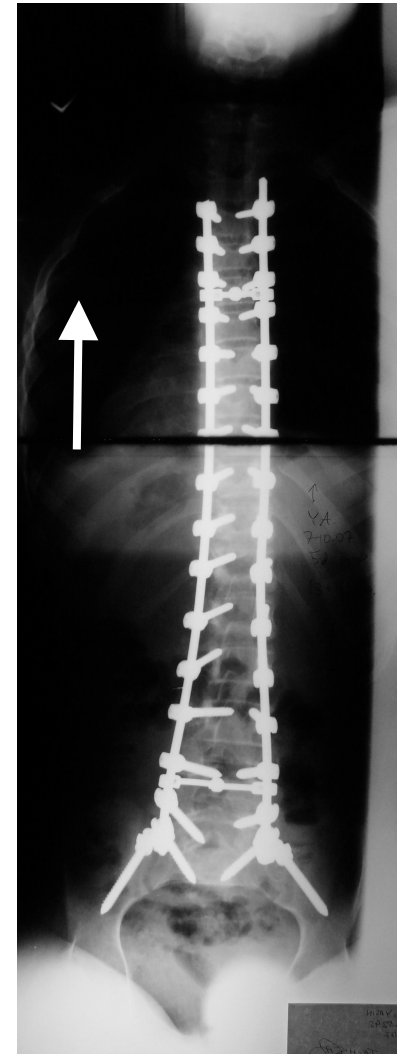
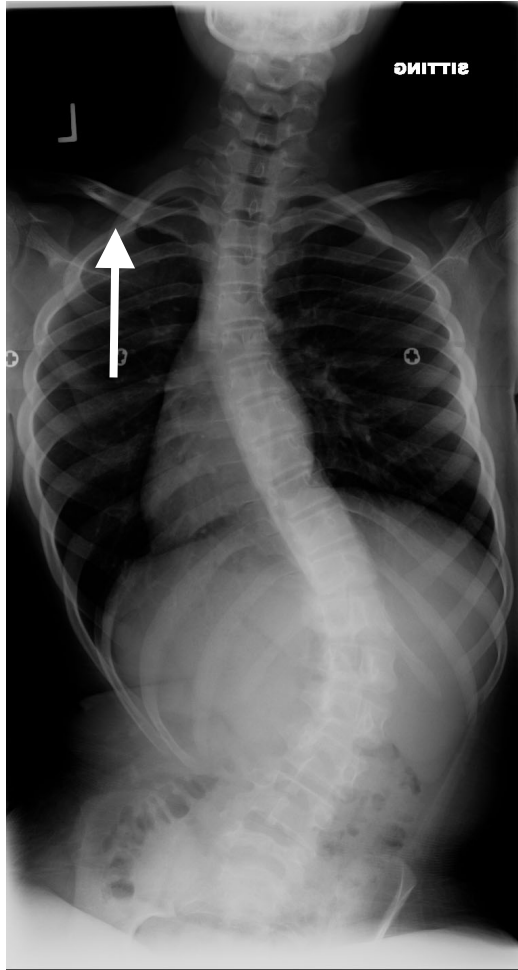
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Passive curve correction



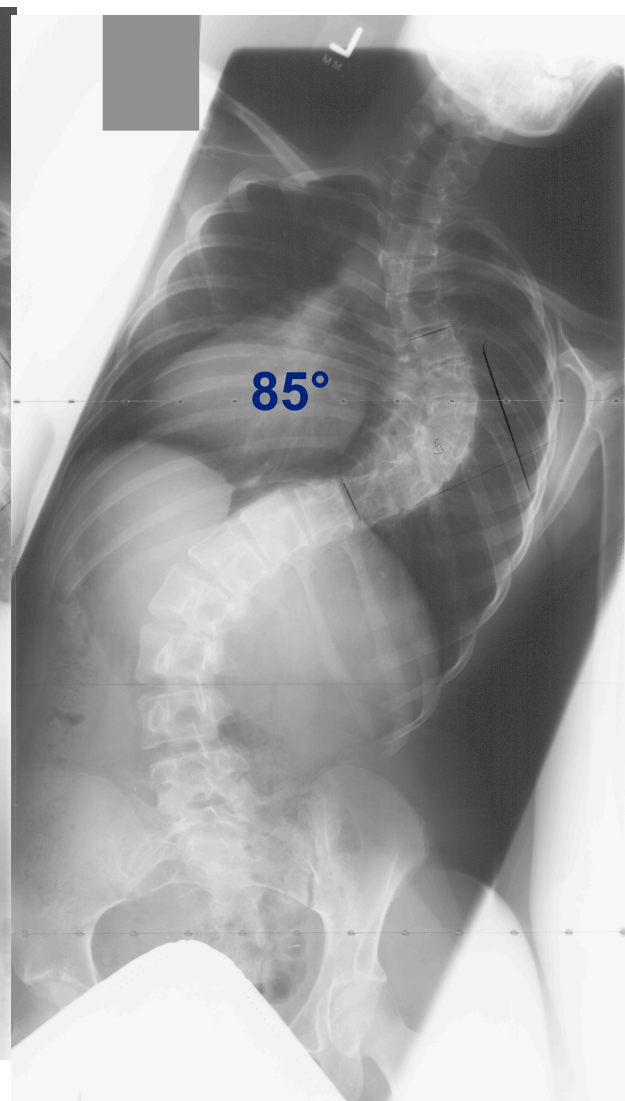
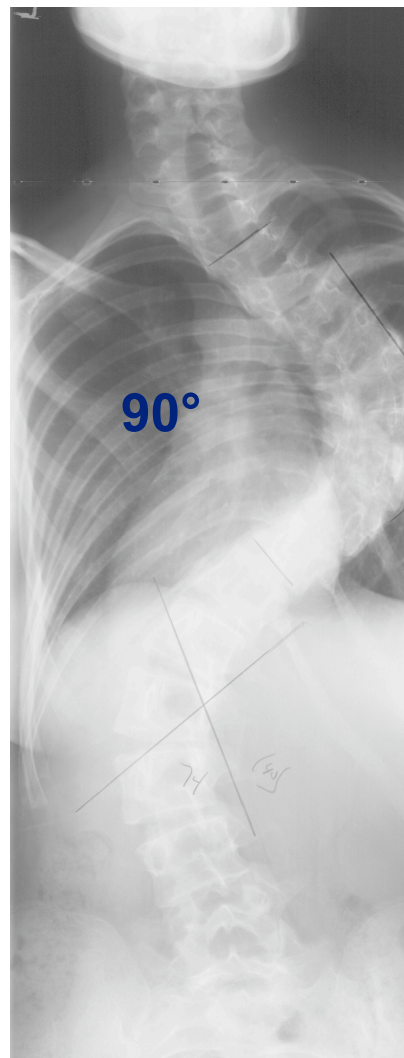
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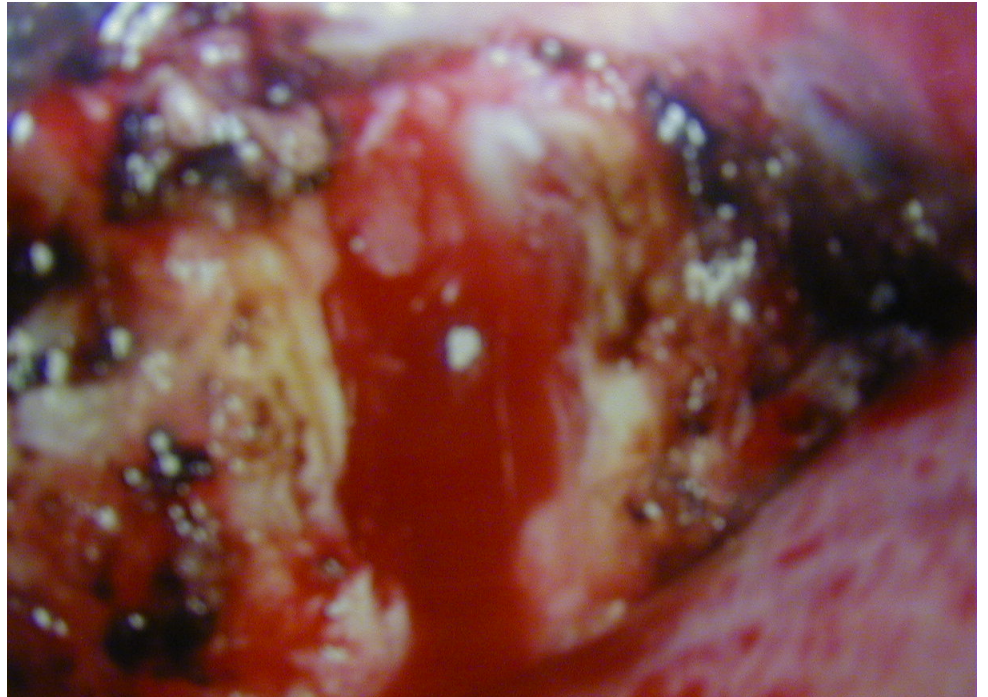
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Increasing flexibility

1. Anterior release
2. Posterior release
 1. Flavectomy
 2. Facetectomy
3. Osteotomies
 1. Smith-Petersen/Ponte
 2. Asymmetric pedicle subtraction
 3. VCR



Anterior release

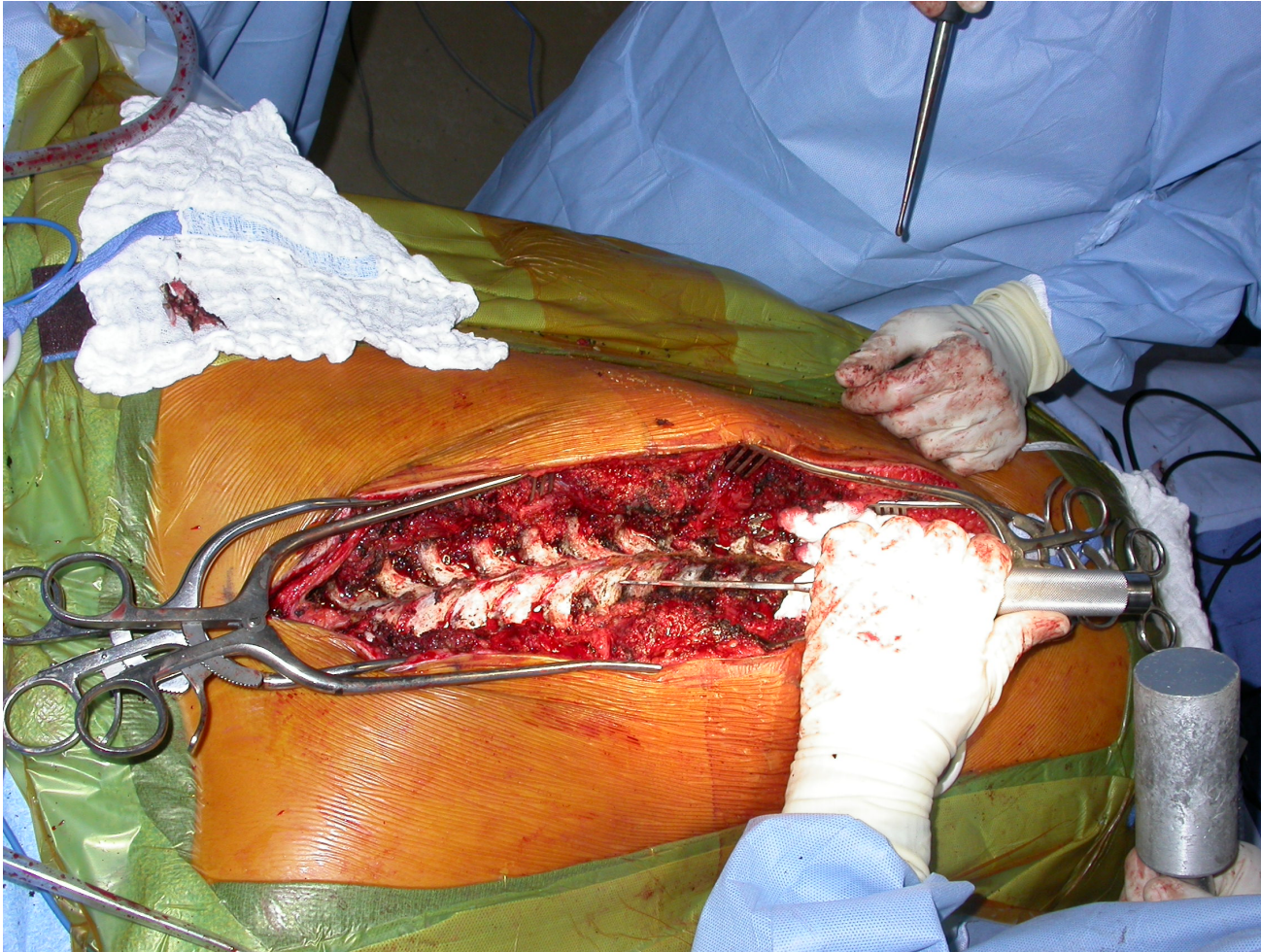


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Partial facetectomies



Ponte osteotomies



The Ponte Procedure

Posterior Only Treatment of Scheuermann's Kyphosis Using Segmental Posterior Shortening and Pedicle Screw Instrumentation

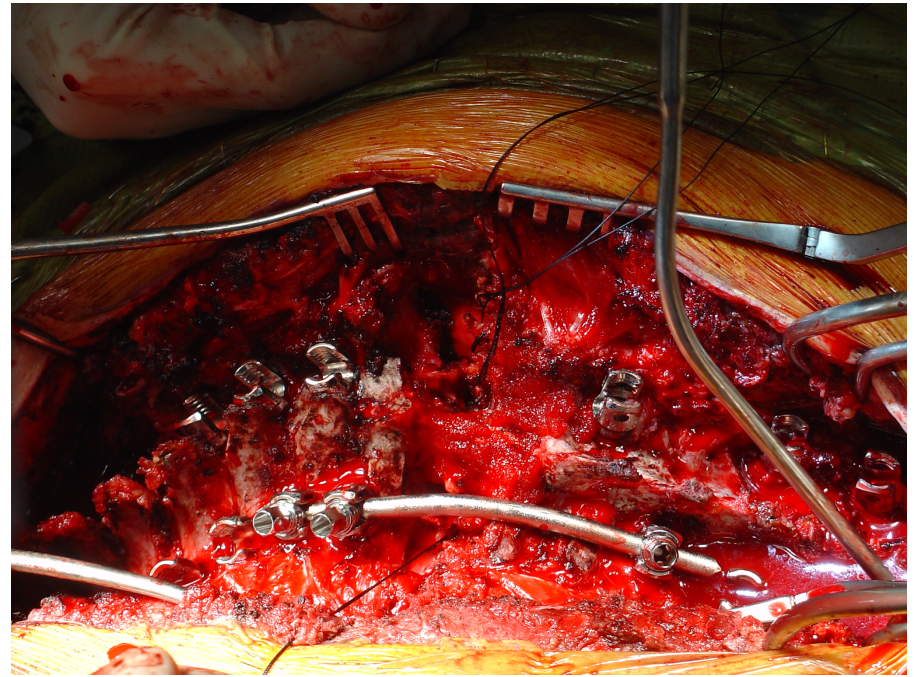
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VCR

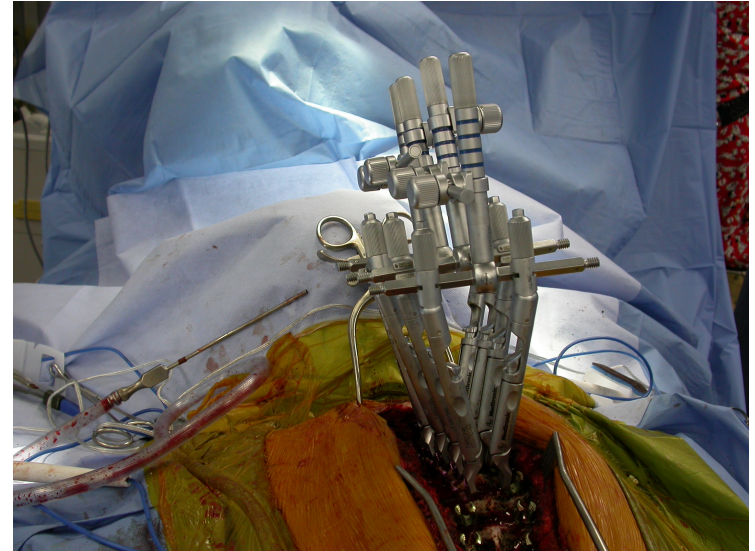


ACTIVE CORRECTION TECHNIQUES



Active curve correction

1. Compression
2. Distraction
3. Translation
4. Cantilever
5. Axial rotation



Methods of active posterior correction

- 1. Distraction
 - 2. Compression
 - 3. Translation
 - 1. Rod rotation
 - 2. Coronal bending
 - 4. Derotation
- Harrington rods
- Hooks/ hybrid constructs
- Pedicle screws
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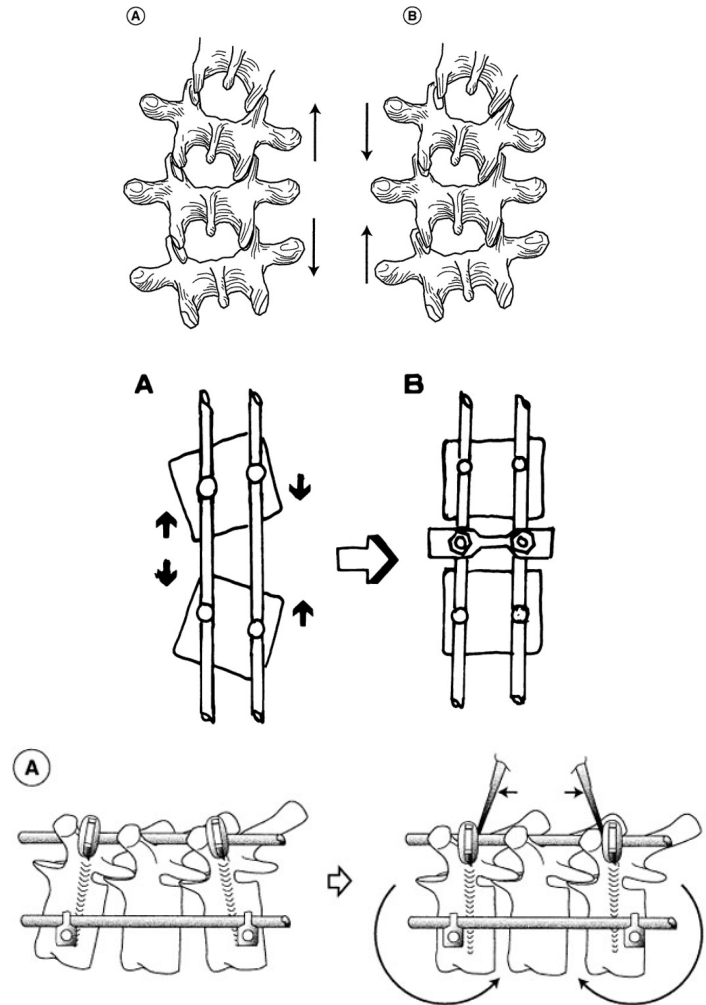


Distraction/compression

Primary technique for anterior correction of thoracolumbar/lumbar (Lenke V) deformities

Posteriorly, mainly appropriate for final leveling of end vertebra

Pay attention to secondary effects (kyphosis, foraminal narrowing)



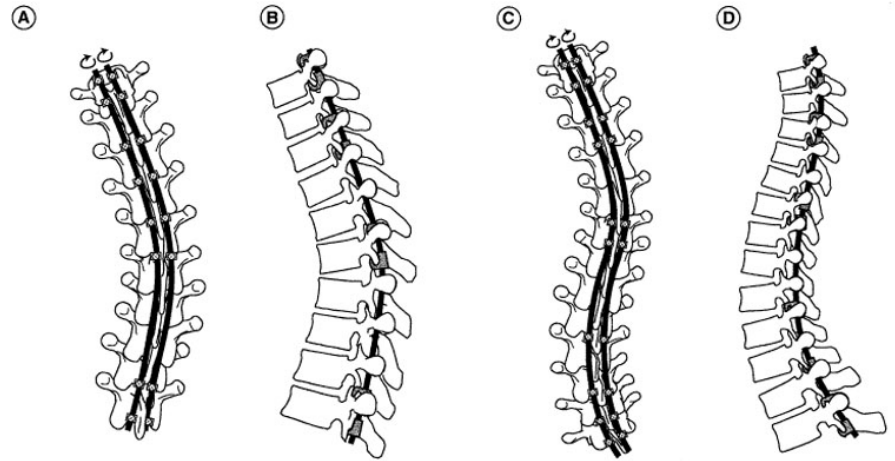
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Rod (de)rotation

Basically a translational maneuver

Converting coronal deformity to sagittal plane



Coronal bending

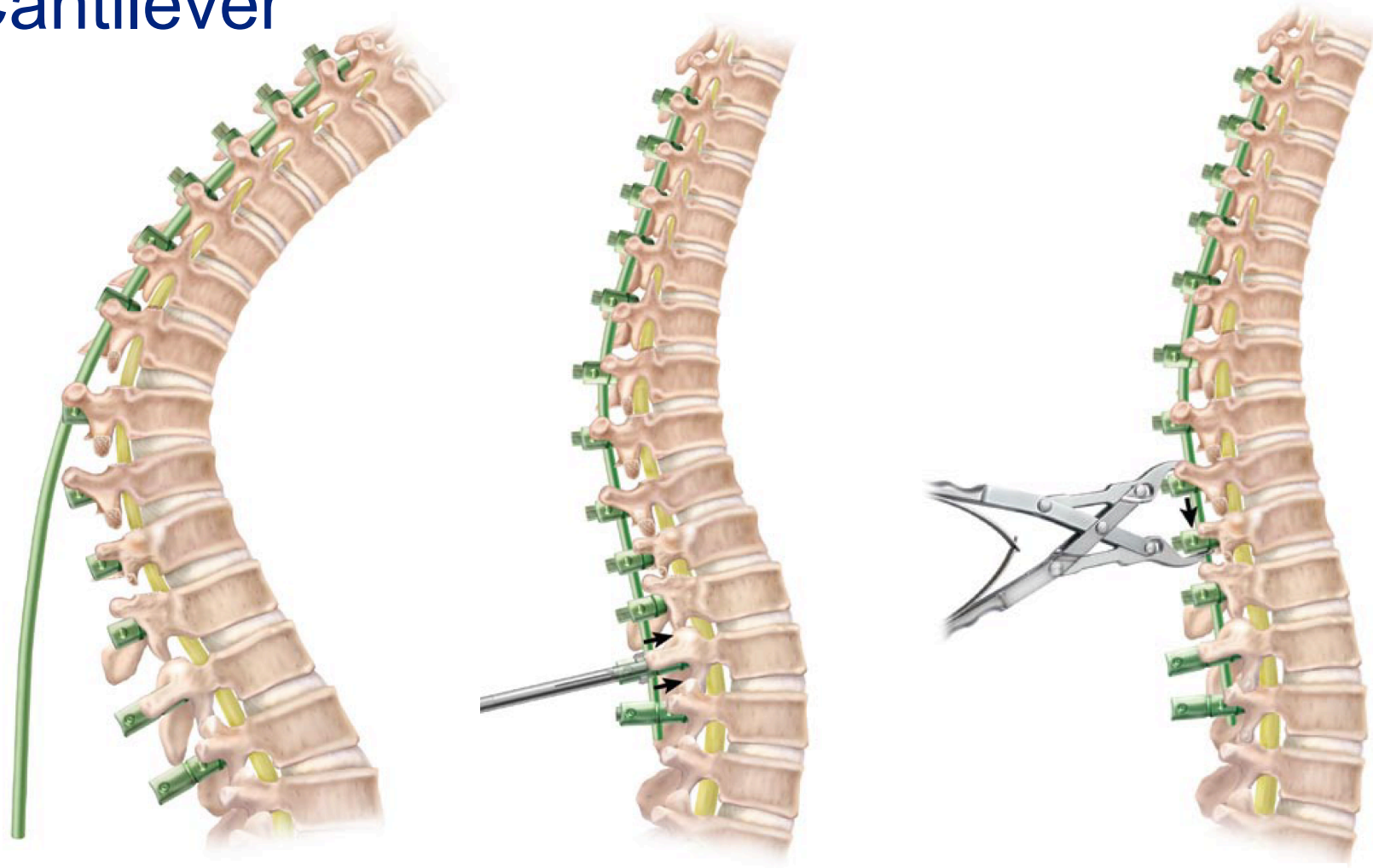
Translation of apex

Useful for “fine tuning” of correction

Proceed slowly-
significant stress on
fixation



Cantilever

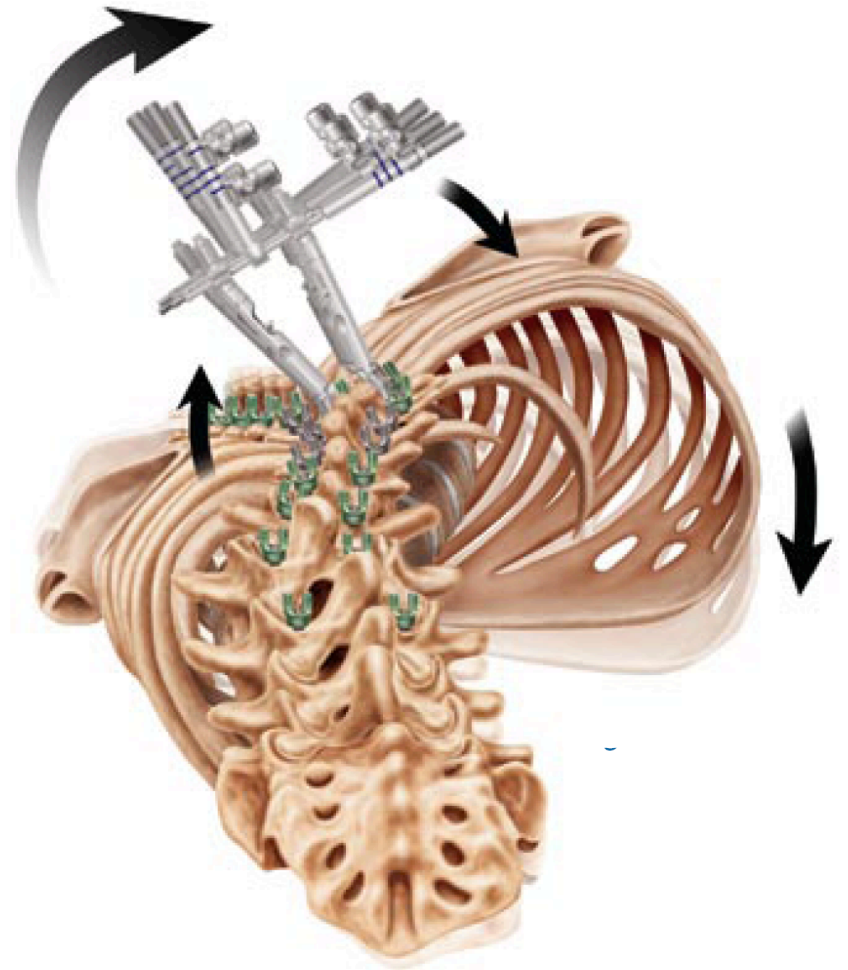
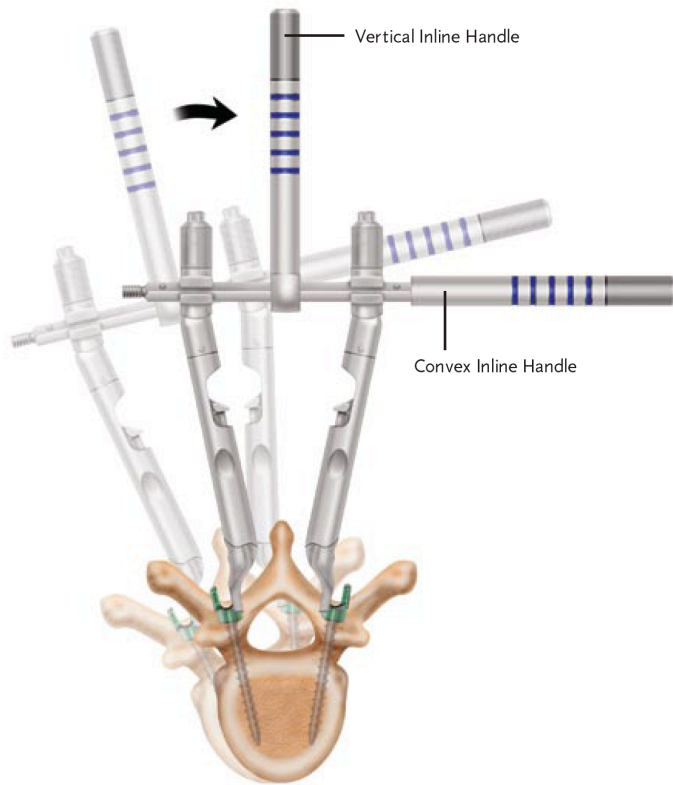


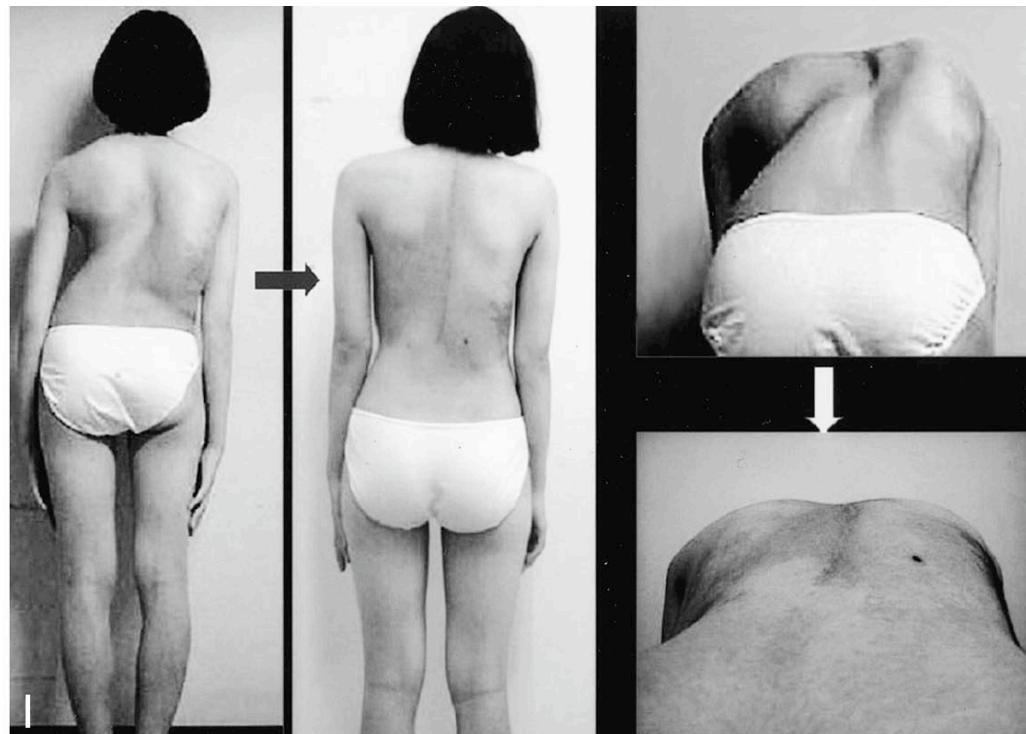
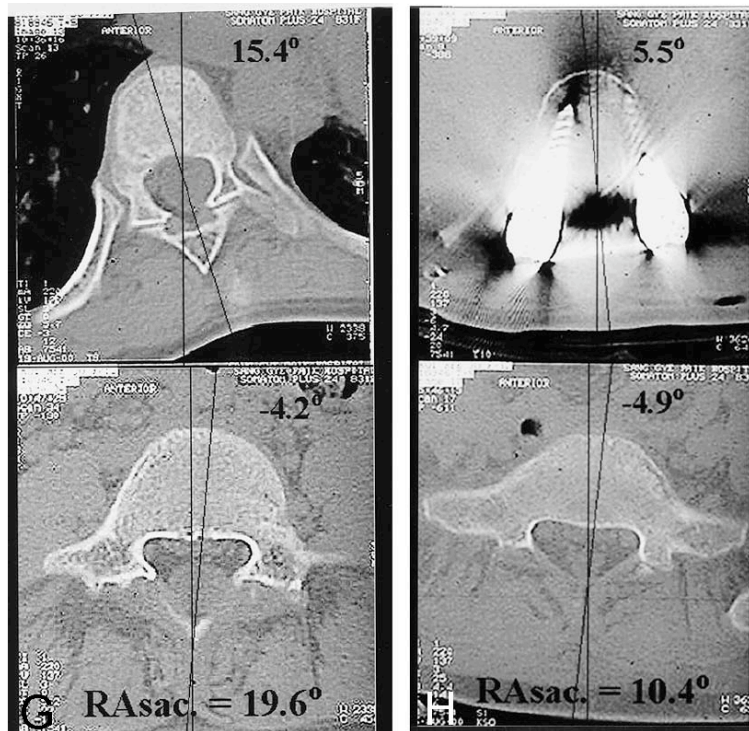
Vertebral derotation



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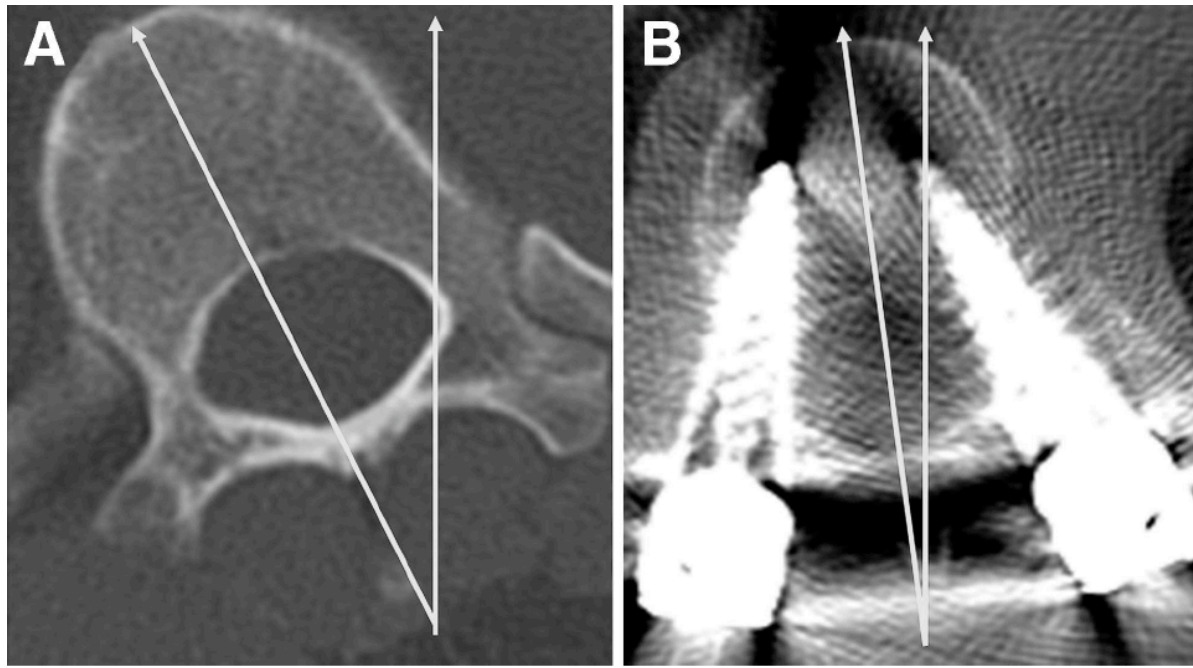






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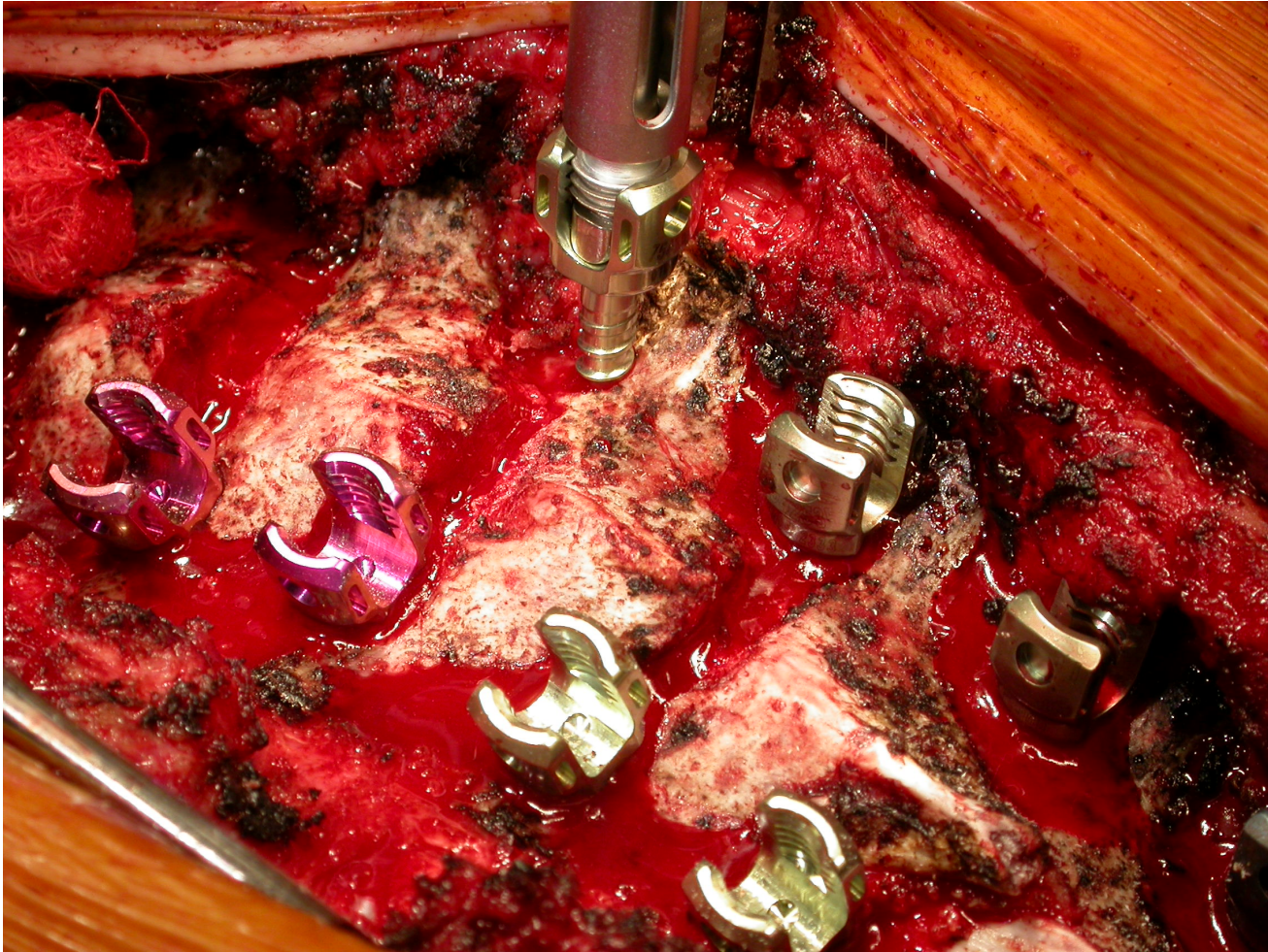


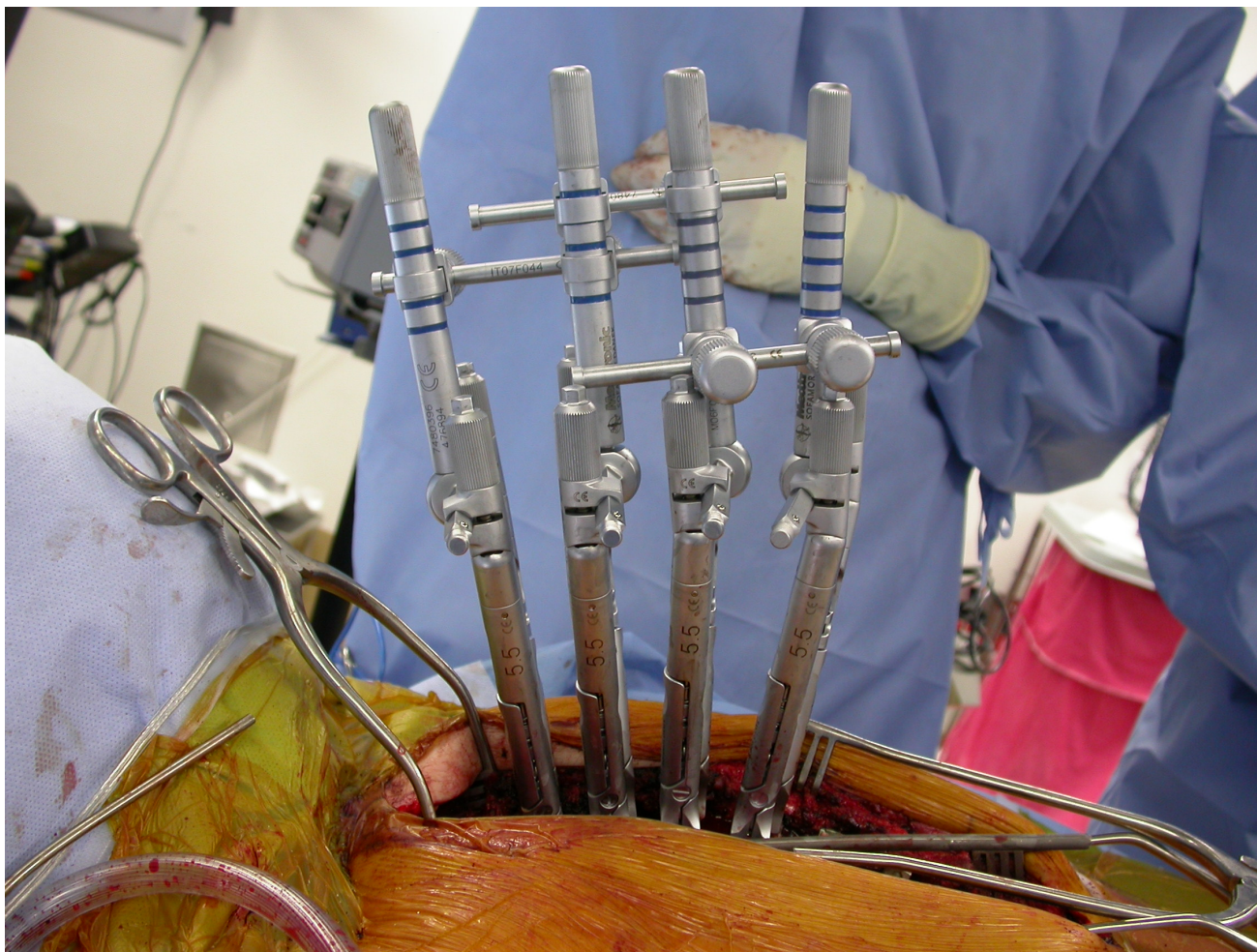


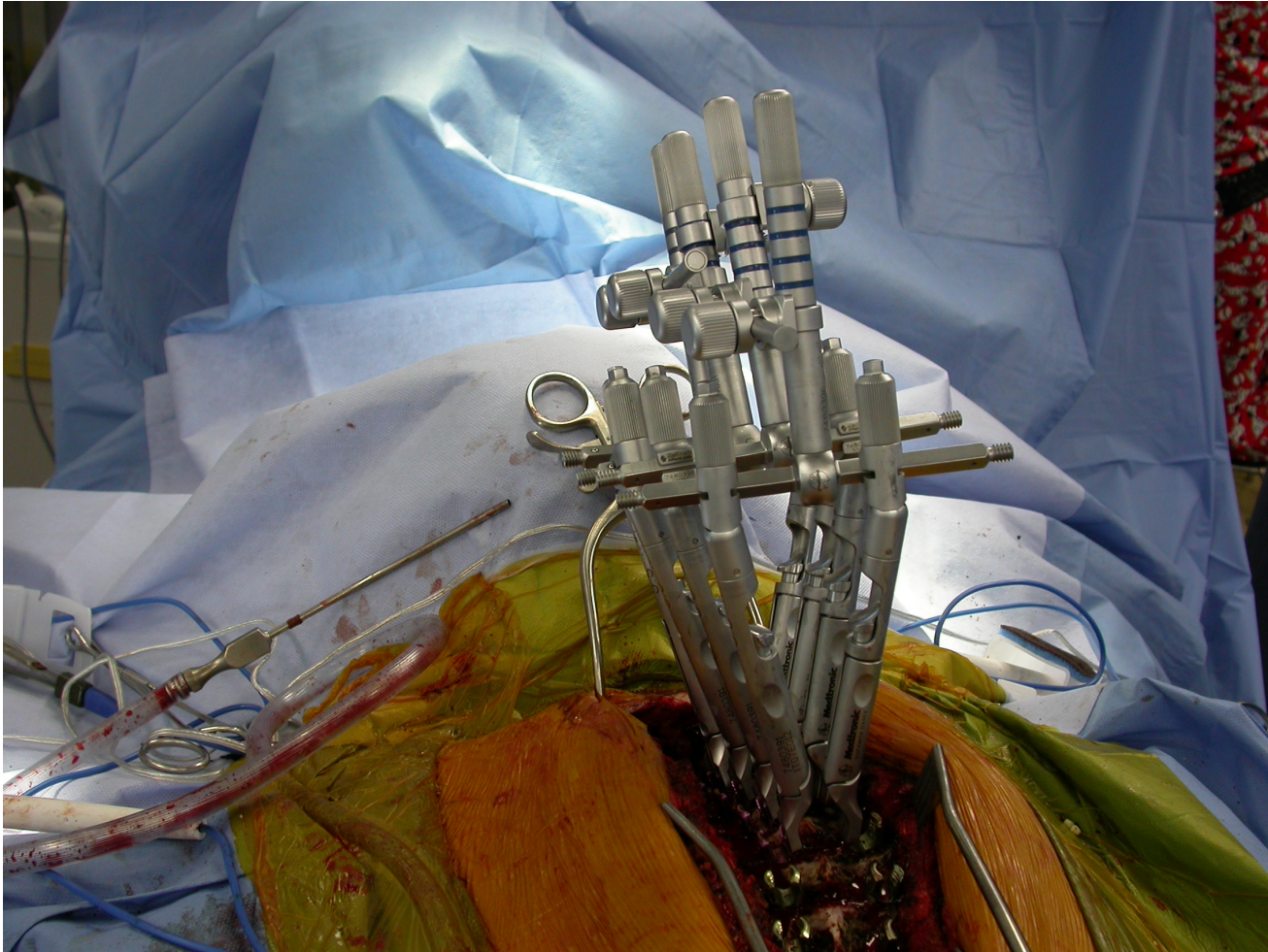
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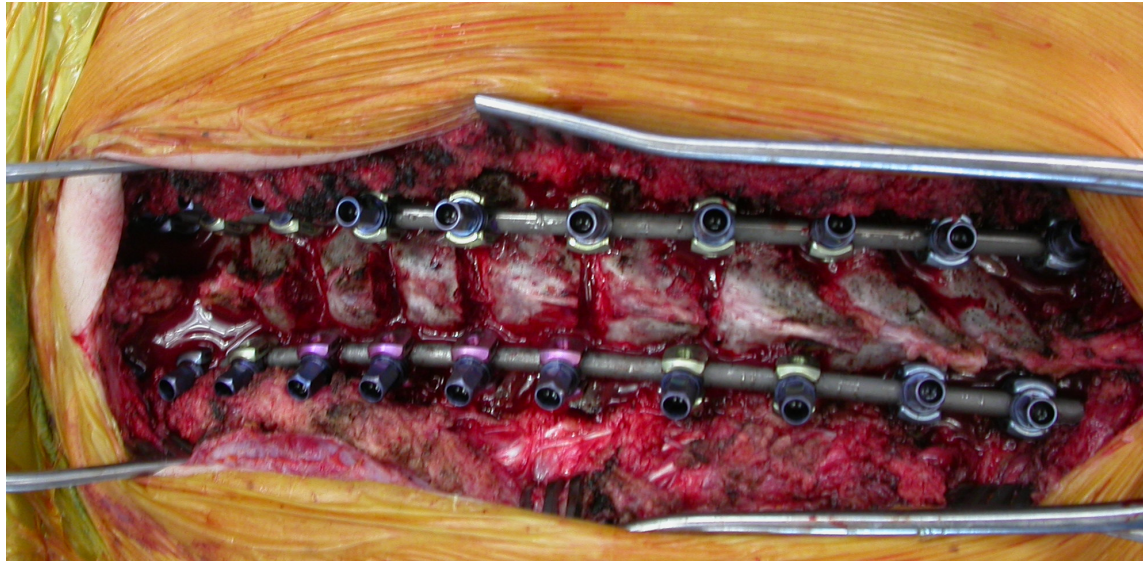
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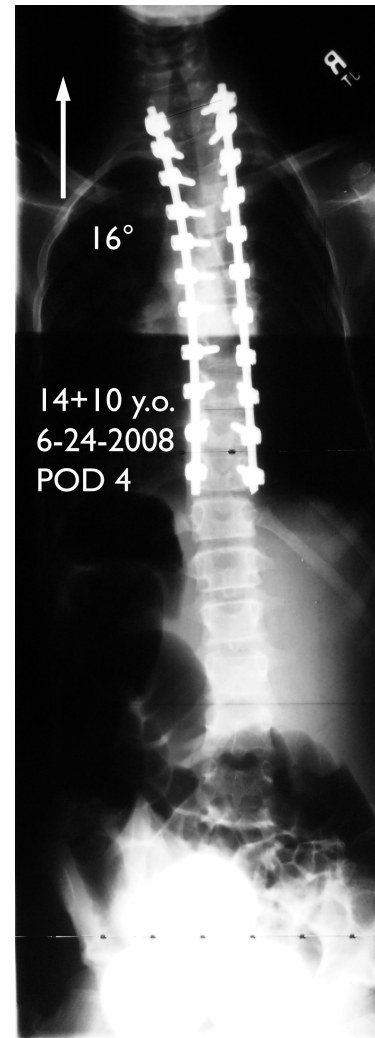
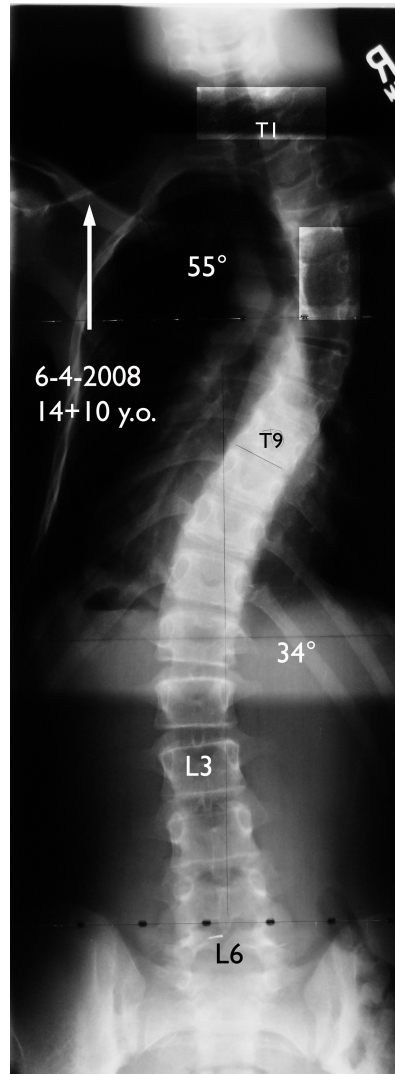


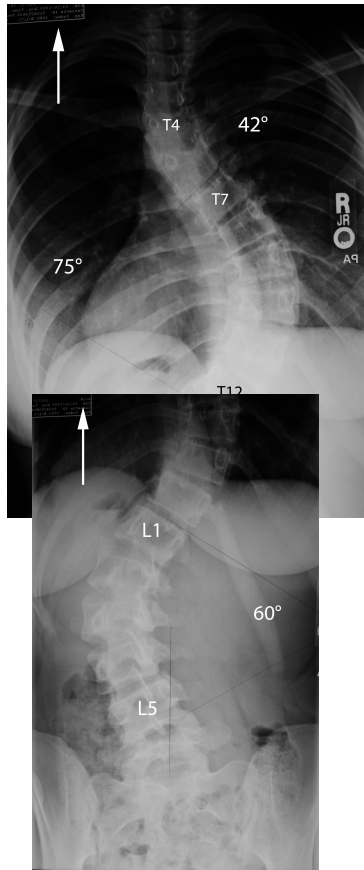












Conclusion

1. Scoliosis is a 3-dimensional deformity
2. A thorough understanding of a deformity's flexibility is essential to selecting appropriate curve correction technique(s)
3. Passive curve correction is powerful and (usually) safe
4. Curve flexibility may be enhanced by resecting ligament, facet, or bone
5. Secondary effects of active correction must be understood and anticipated



Advanced correction topics

1. How to get the rod to fit
2. Effects of main curve correction on shoulder tilt
3. How to select correcting rod (concave or convex)
4. How to close osteotomies
5. How to level pelvis



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