

# Early Onset Scoliosis EOS

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## EOS : définition

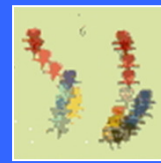
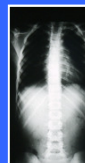
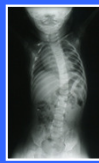
- Scoliose idiopathique
  - Infantile : < 3 ans
  - Juvénile : 3 à 11 ans
  - Progression de la courbure ?
  - Risque de perturbation du développement pulmonaire chez l'enfant âgé de moins de 5 ans
- RA Dickson, 1994
  - Early Onset idiopathic Scoliosis = progressive curve under the age of 5 years

### Infantile Idiopathic Scoliosis

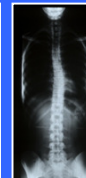
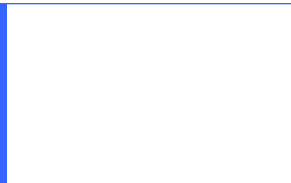
0 – 3 Y of Age

Coll G Bollini

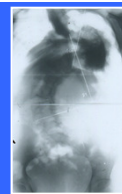
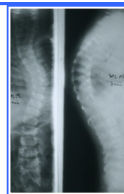
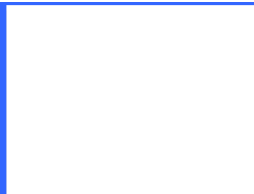
Benign Regressive



Progressive Benign



Progressive Malignant

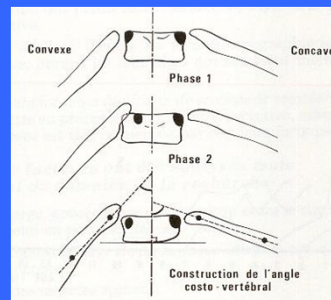
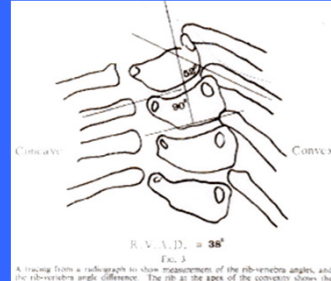


## Courbe Progressive ?

Rib vertebral angle  
difference - RVAD (MH  
Mehta)

- $< 20^\circ$  = 80% régressive
- $> 20^\circ$  = 80%  
progressive

Phase 1 à Phase 2 (1974) :  
la tête costale côté  
convexe se superpose à  
la vertèbre apicale par  
rotation vertébrale



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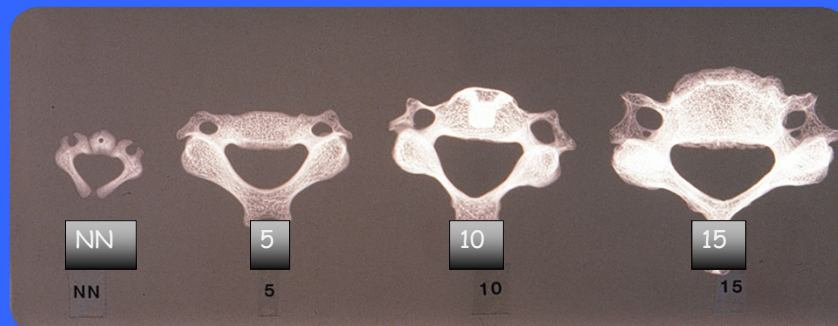
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## Trois challenges majeurs

1. Croissance du rachis
2. Croissance du thorax
3. Augmentation de la fonction pulmonaire

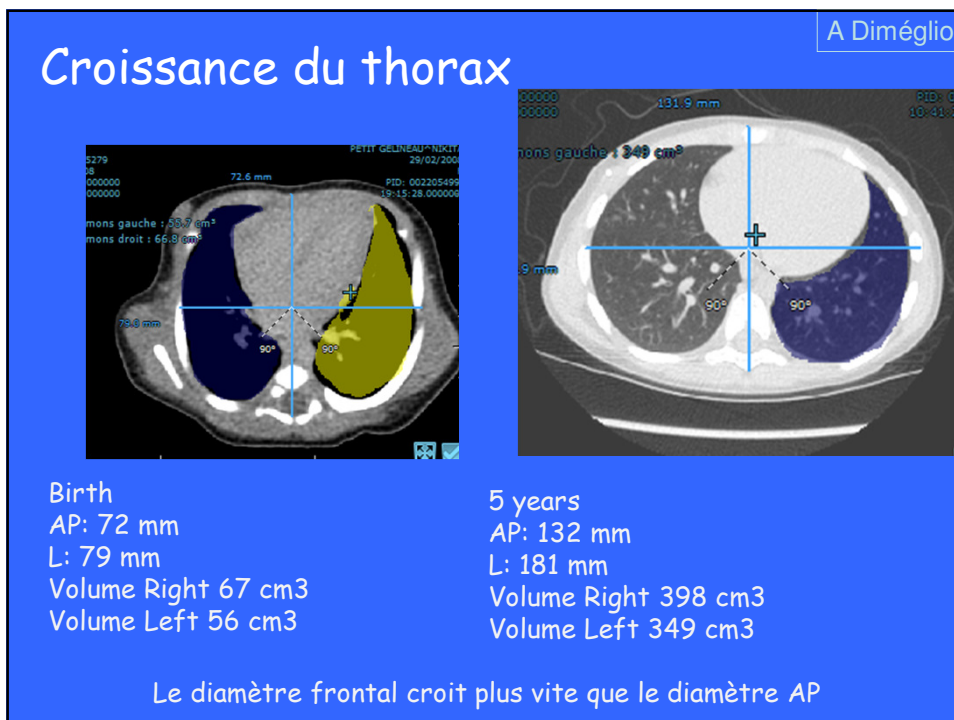
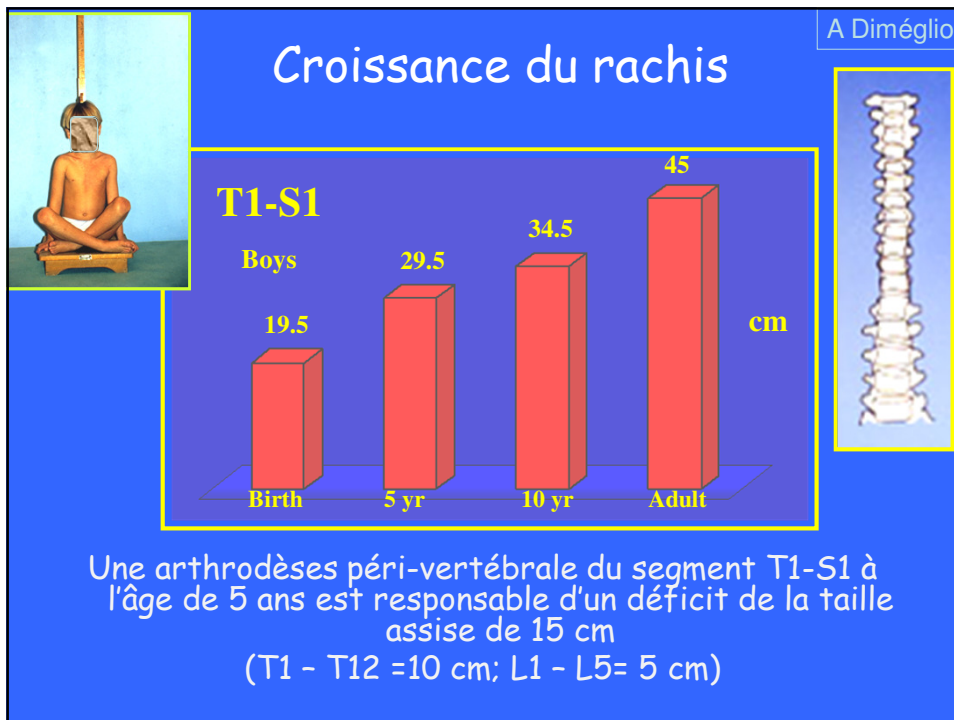
## Croissance coronale du rachis

A Diméglio



A l'âge de 5 ans, le canal rachidien atteint 95% de sa taille définitive

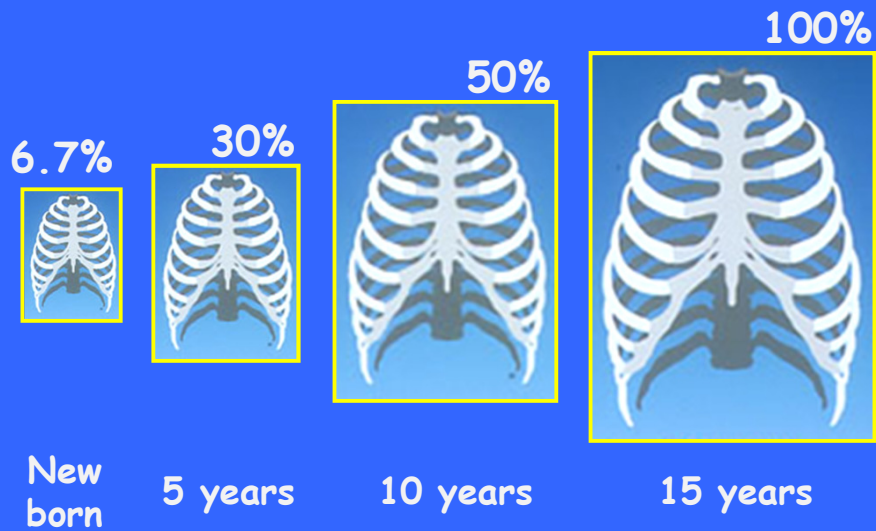
Une fusion circonférentielle ne peut pas entraîner un canal étroit



# VOLUMETRIC GROWTH

A Diméglio

The thorax: the fourth dimension of the spine

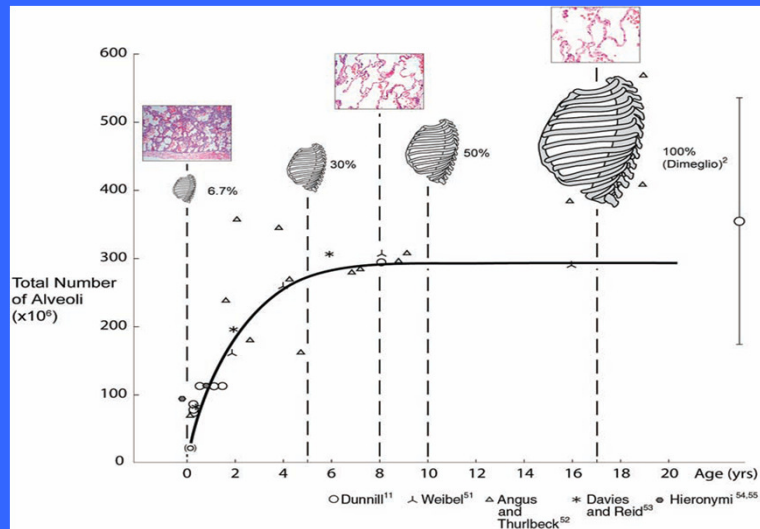


*The growing spine, springer Velarg 1990*

## Arthrodèse du rachis et croissance du thorax

- F Canavese : une fusion postérieure T1-T6 (rat) diminue la croissance normale
  - Des vertèbres T1 à T6
  - Du sternum
  - De la cage thoracique dans son ensemble

## Croissance alvéolaire pulmonaire



## Déformation thoracique dans les scolioses sévères

- Thoracic insufficiency Syndrome
- Congenital scoliosis and fused ribs

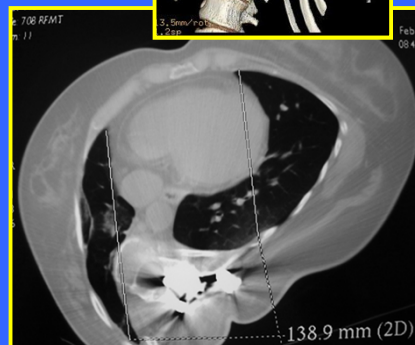
Campbell et al.  
J Bone Joint Surg (Am) 2003



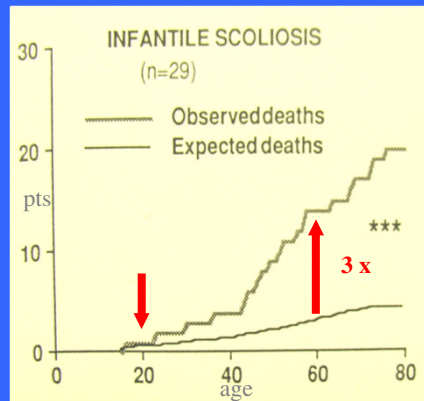
- Spinal penetration index

Neuromuscular scoliosis  
Syndromes

Dubousset et al.  
J Orthop Sci 2003



## Capacité respiratoire et scolioses sévères



- Cobb  $> 110^\circ$
- CV  $< 43\%$  normal

*Pehrsson, Bake, Larsson,  
Nachemson, Thorax 1991*

*Pehrsson, Larsson, Oden, Nachemson, Spine 1992*

## Capacité respiratoire et scolioses sévères

- Carsets et plâtres, fusion après 10 ans
  - Capacité vitale (CV) = 68% de la normale
- Fusion vertébrale avant l'âge de 10 ans
  - Capacité vitale (CV) = 41% de la normale
    - (14% to 72%)

*Respiratory Function and Cosmesis at Maturity in  
Infantile-onset Scoliosis Goldberg, C. J.; Gillic, I.;  
Connaughton, O.; Moore, DP Fogarty, Canny, G. J.  
Dowling, F. E. Spine Volume 28(20), 2003.*



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## Traitement initial : plâtres et corsets



## Résultats des plâtres et corsets

MH Mehta (JBJS Br; 2005)

- 35% des enfants > 30 mois nécessitent une fusion vertébrale à l'âge de 10 ans 4 mois
- Intérêt du halo crânien avant un plâtre
- Traitement d'attente de la fusion

## Instrumentation rachidienne sans greffe 1978 - John Moe

*Harrington instrumentation without fusion combined with the Milwaukee brace for difficult scoliosis problems in young children. Orthop Trans. 1979;3:59*

J. Pediatr. Orthop., 1997, 17, 734-742

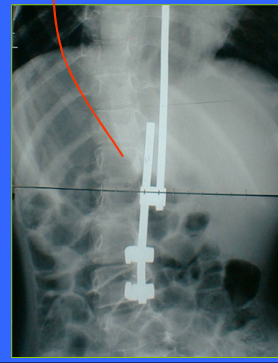
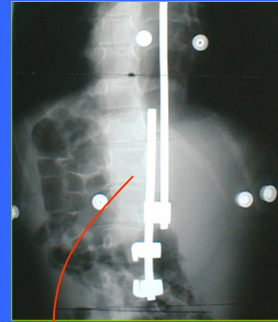
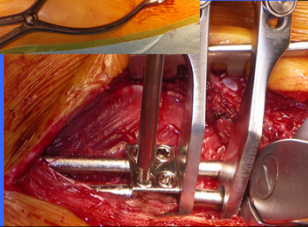
- 67 children : 31 neuromuscular
- Cobb angle : initial = 67° , final = 47°
- Growth = 3.1 cm (FU = 3.1 years)
- Growth = 0.08 cm / segment / year
- Complications :
  - Hook dislocations : 21
  - Rod fractures : 12

Spinal Instrumentation **Without Fusion** for Progressive Scoliosis  
in Young Children

LTC William R. Klemme, MC, USA, \*Francis Denis, M.D., \*Robert B. Winter, M.D.,  
\*John W. Lonstein, M.D., and †Steven E. Koop, M.D.

## Expérience de la « SQR »

- pinces vertébrales
- greffe des appuis
- cintrage sagittal de la tige



**Amyotrophie spinale**

8.5 ans

65°  
135mm  
BO =  
36°

9.6 ans **1**

10.9 ans **2**

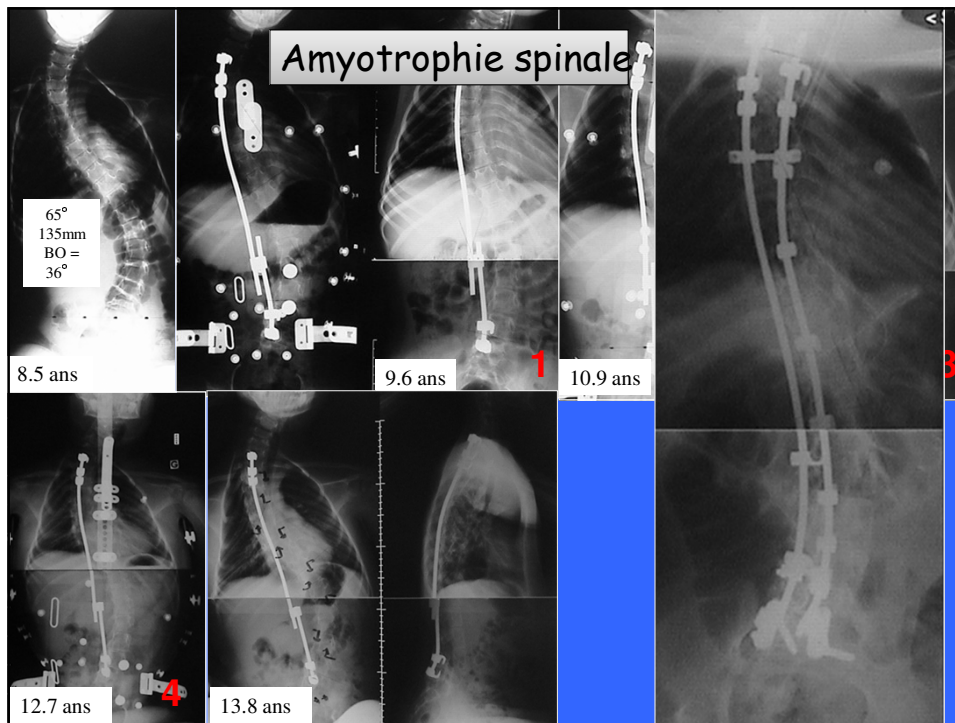
11.6 ans **3**

12.7 ans **4**

13.8 ans

**Au bout de 5 ans :**

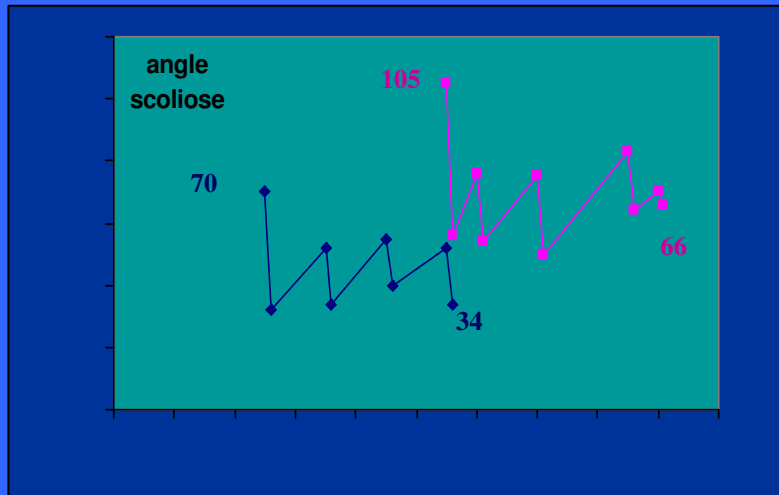
- 2 tiges sous faciales
- 1 domino
- 4 allongements
- 1 arthrodèse



## Expérience de Nancy - SoFCOT 2005

- Amyotrophie spinale infantile : 12 cas
- Angle de Cobb initial moyen:  $60,3^\circ$  (41 -  $86^\circ$  )
- Nombre moyen d'allongement: 3,5 (2 - 6)
- Délai moyen : 9 mois (6 - 23)
- Gain angulaire moyen par allongement :  $12,4^\circ$  (0 -  $15,8^\circ$  )
- Gain moyen en longueur par allongement : 10,6 mm
- Gain total en longueur d'allongement : 39,1mm (0-89)
- Angle de Cobb moyen au recul maximal :  $40,8^\circ$  (29 -  $65^\circ$  )
- Complications post-opératoires: 3 cas
  - un sepsis après un 6ème allongement
  - une complication mécanique (crochet proximal)
  - un glissement de domino (échec d'allongement)

## 2 exemples

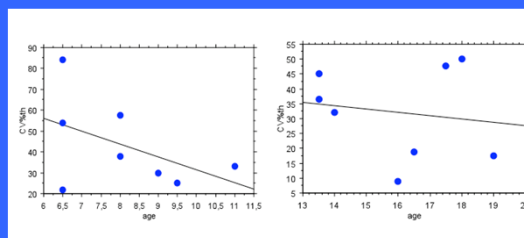


## Effets de la « SQR » sur la fonction pulmonaire (SoFCOT 2006)

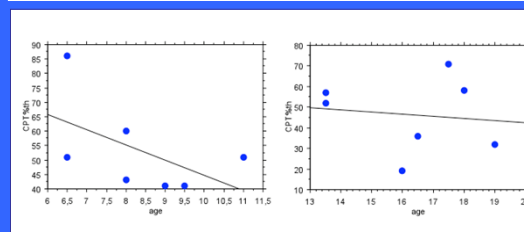
Pre - op

Post - op

Pulmonary vital capacity



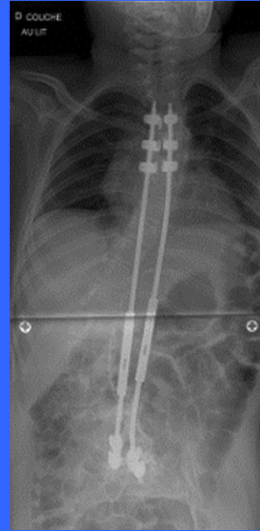
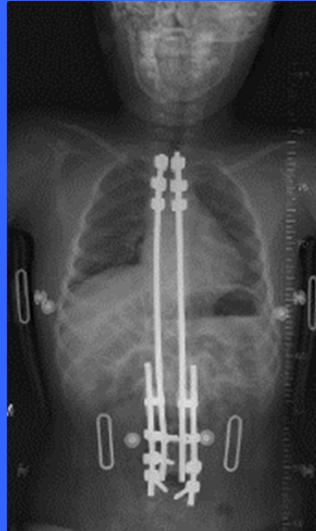
Total pulmonary capacity



SQR stoppe la diminution de la fonction respiratoire dans l'amyotrophie spinale

P Lascombes

De la tige sous fasciale, avec greffe des extrémités aux « tiges de croissance »



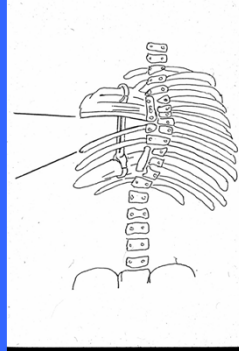
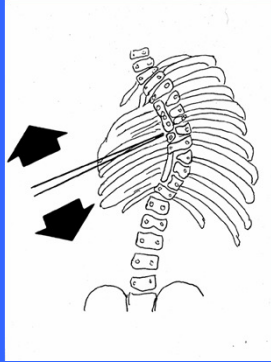
### Natural history model of early spine fusion: Jarcho-Levin Syndrome



- 20 patients
- Taille assise = 24,2% / N
- CV = 27,9% / normal

Ramirez, et al. JBJJ, 2007

## VEPTR Opening Wedge Thoracostomy for Fused Ribs / Scoliosis



-27 pts

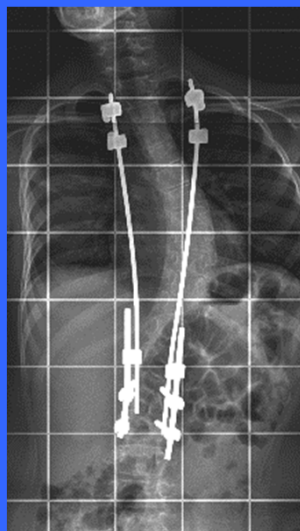
-Mean 25° correction

R Campbell 

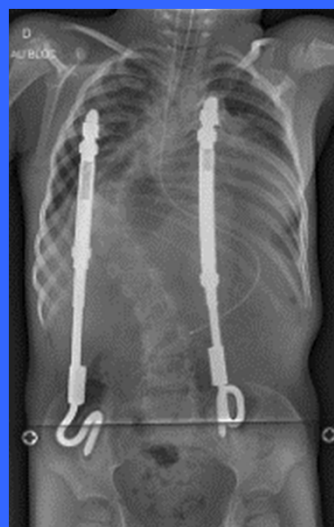
- JBJS 2004

## Principe de l'expansion de la cage thoracique

Rib distractor - Medtronic



VEPTR - Synthes



# Shilla growing rod - RE McCarthy

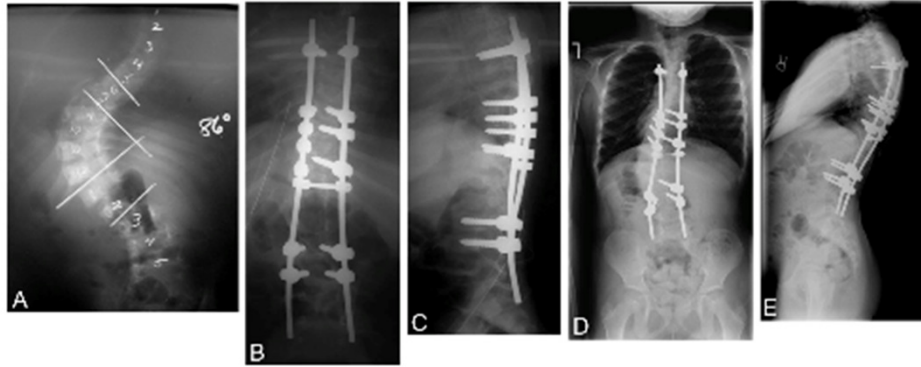
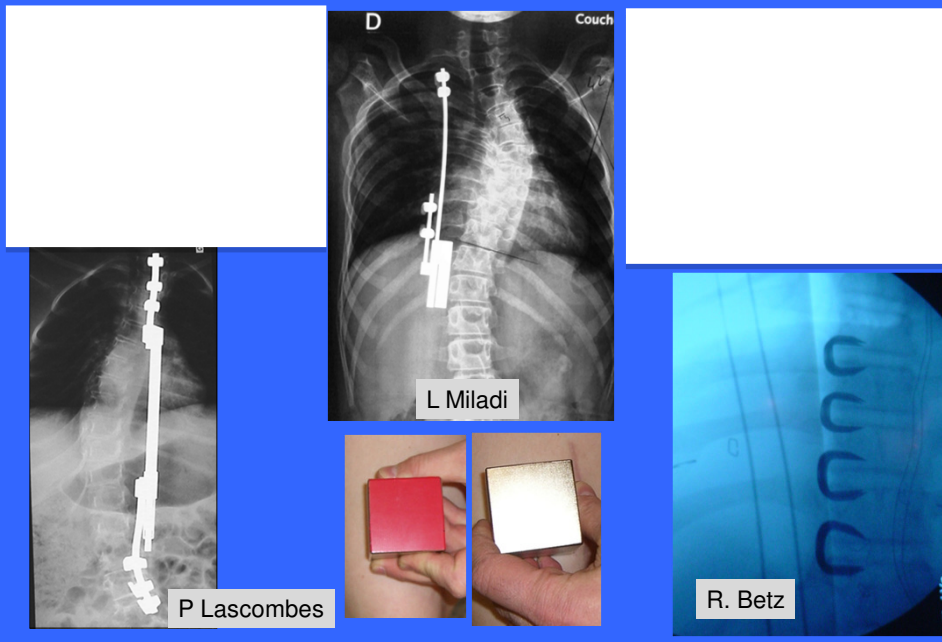


Figure 3. **A**, Preoperative radiograph of a 3 year old girl with a severe left thoracic idiopathic curve (Courtesy of R. E. McCarthy, MD<sup>MS</sup>). **B, C**, Immediate postoperative correction using guided growth. The apical area has been corrected and fused by anterior release and posterior pedicle instrumentation T8-T11. The rods are left long and are not fixed to the T5 anchors proximally and the L2 and L3 anchors distally. **D, E**, 4 1/2 years later, there has been growth at both ends of the construct, as the nonlocked screws have migrated along the rods. The apical deformity remains corrected.

In : CE Johnston, Spine 2010

# Fusionless programme





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G Bollini – P Lascombes



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Meilleure indication = rachis normalement segmenté (EOS)

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Cyphose thoracique proximale = mauvais contrôle avec VEPTR

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Facilité de la fusion = Difficile avec GR (cicatrice, fibrose)

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Complications : GR = ruptures de tiges  
VEPTR = arrachage costal

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VEPTR = rigidité de la cage thoracique

## JS Yang, JPO; 2010 - Growing Spine Study Group : Surgical procedures indication

- Progressive curves  $73 \pm 20^\circ$
- Mean age  $6 \pm 2.5$  years
- Dual rods > single rod
- Lengthening interval = 8.6 months

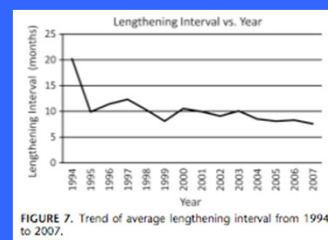
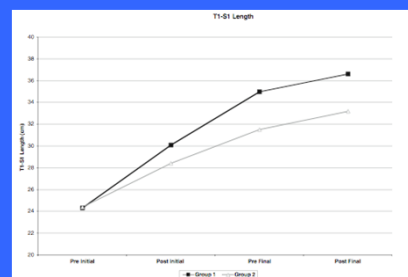
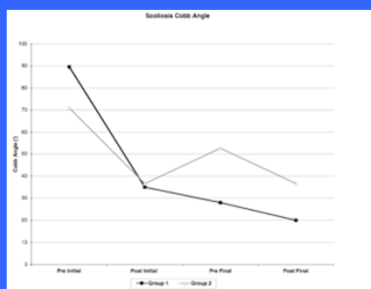


FIGURE 7. Trend of average lengthening interval from 1994 to 2007.

## Effect of frequency of the lengthening BA Akbarnia, Spine; 2008



Compare : Group 1  $\leq 6$  mois versus Group 2  $> 6$  mois  
A corrélér avec les risques infectieux

Law of diminishing return (WN Sankar, Spine) T1-S1 gain

- 1st lengthening =  $1.04 \pm 0.72$  cm
- 7th lengthening =  $0.41 \pm 0.58$  cm ( $p=0.007$ )

## Chest wall expansion : VEPTR

Résultats & Complications (CC Hasler, Eur Spine J; 2010) - 23 enfants

- 23 complications
  - 10 problèmes cutanés
  - 5 dislocations d'implants
  - 2 ruptures de tiges
  - 6 infections
- Résultats
  - Cobb : 68° (10 - 110° ) à 51° (0 - 105° ) @ FU
  - Bassin oblique : 33° (13 - 60° ) à 16° (0 - 42° )

## Risque neurologique

WN Sankar, Spine; 2009 : 782 GR chirurgies

- Modification du monitoring
  - 0.9% implantation / modification des implants
  - 0.5% allongement
- Action prise: diminution de la correction, changement d'une vis

DL Skaggs, JBJS Am; 2009

- Plexus brachial = post VEPTR

## Bilan pré-opératoire

CE Johnston, Spine; 2010

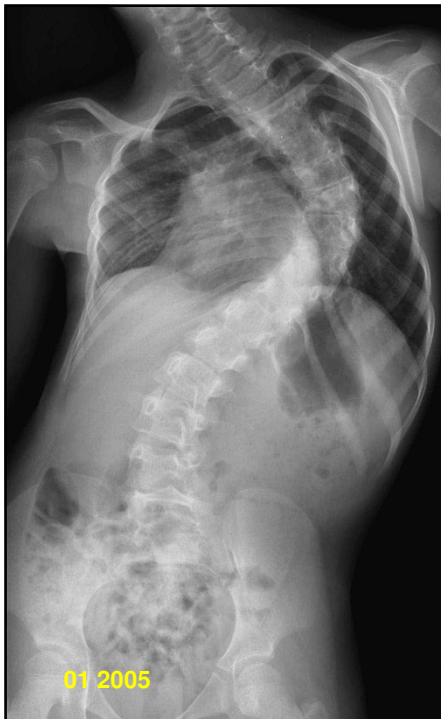
- Evaluation et préparation pulmonaire
- IRM médullaire (idiopathique ?)
- Bilan nutritionnel et prise en charge
- Evaluation de l'ostéopénie

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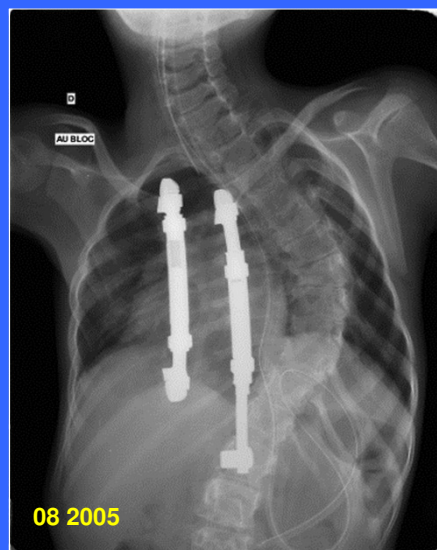
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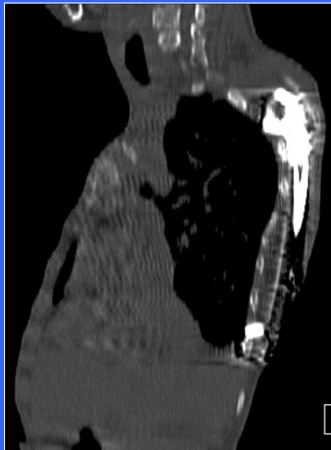
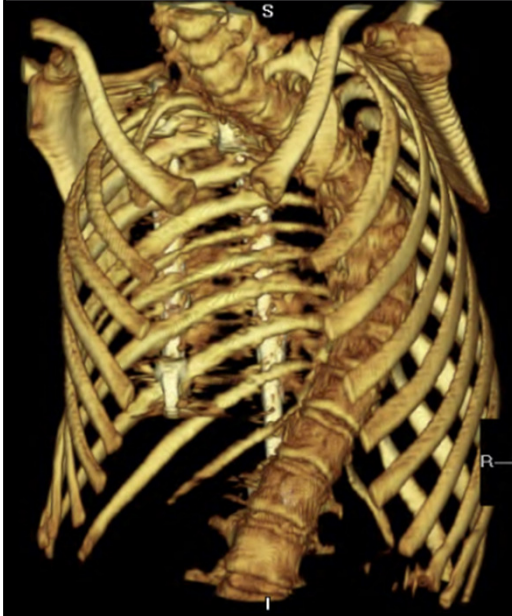
• VEPTR

- between ribs # 3 & 10
- Between rib # 4 and L1

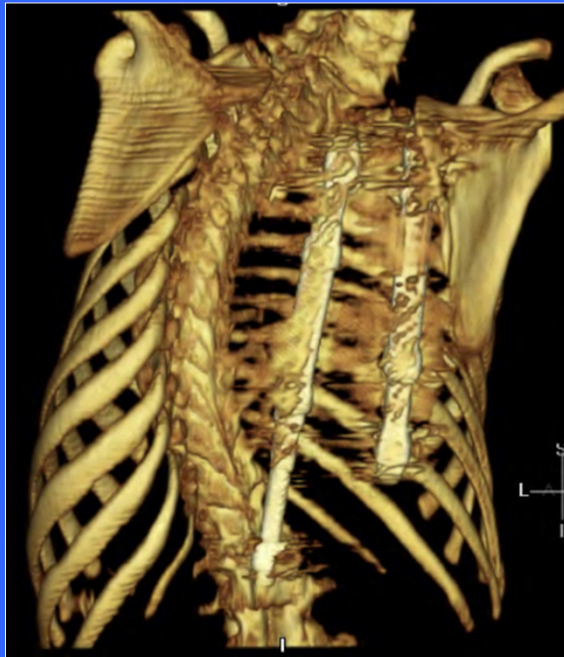




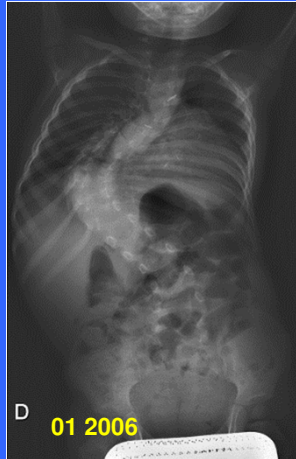
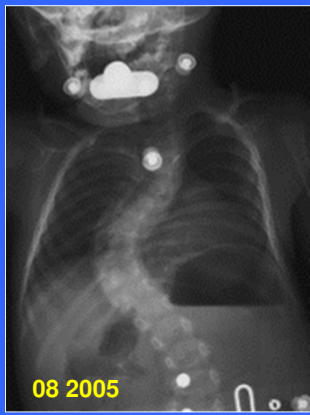
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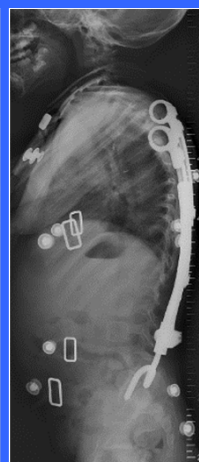
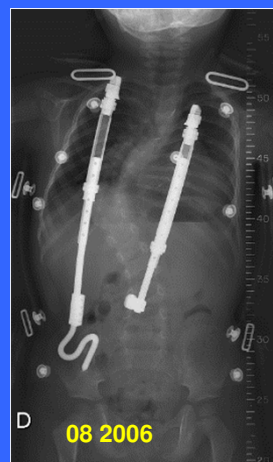
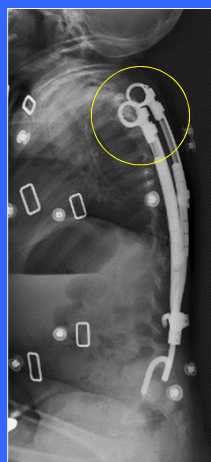
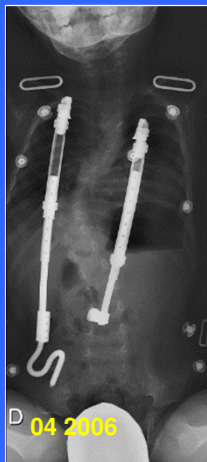
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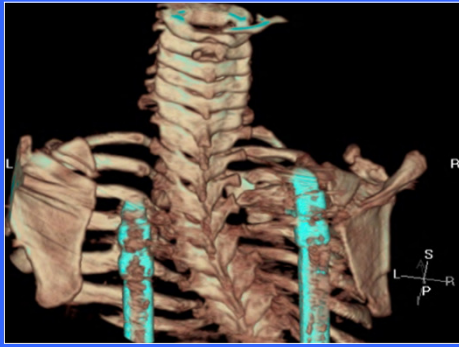


Cas # 2 Garçon, 3 ans, « scoliose infantile », 22q11

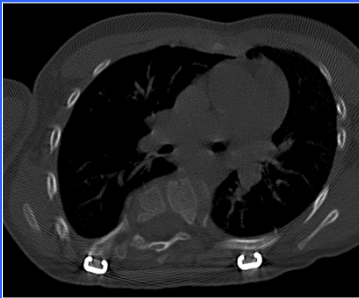


But : 2 VEPTR costo - iliaque bilatéral

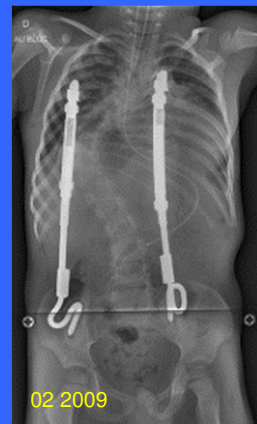
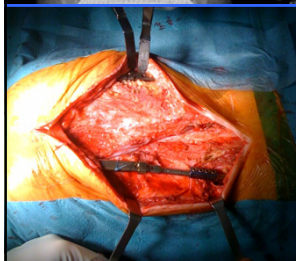
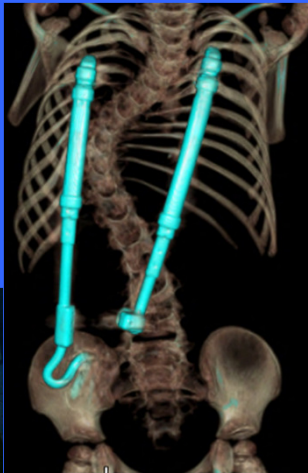


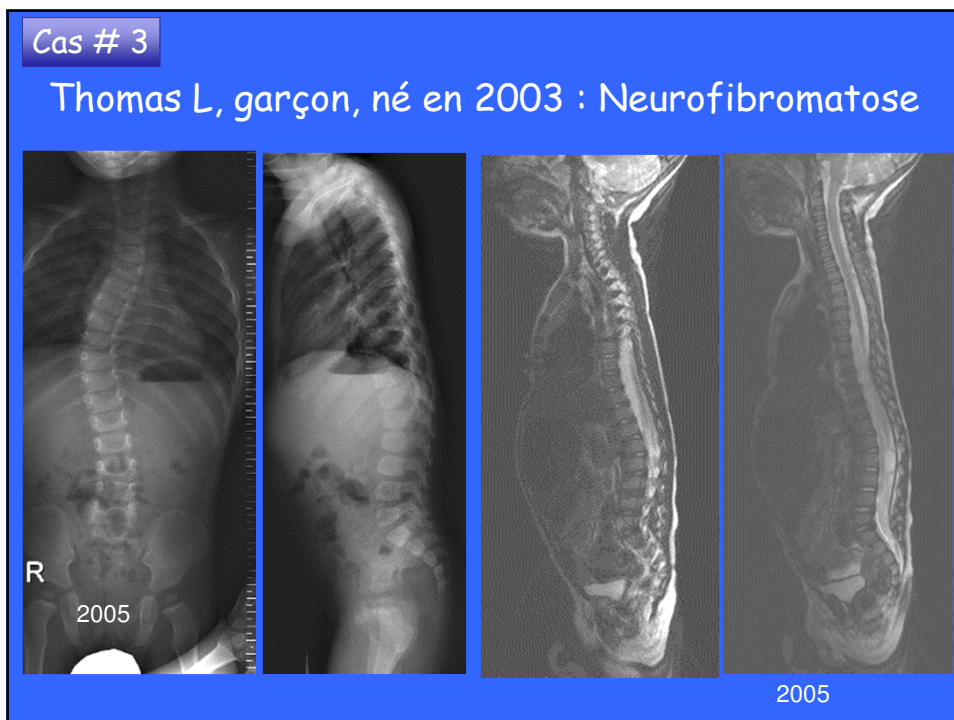
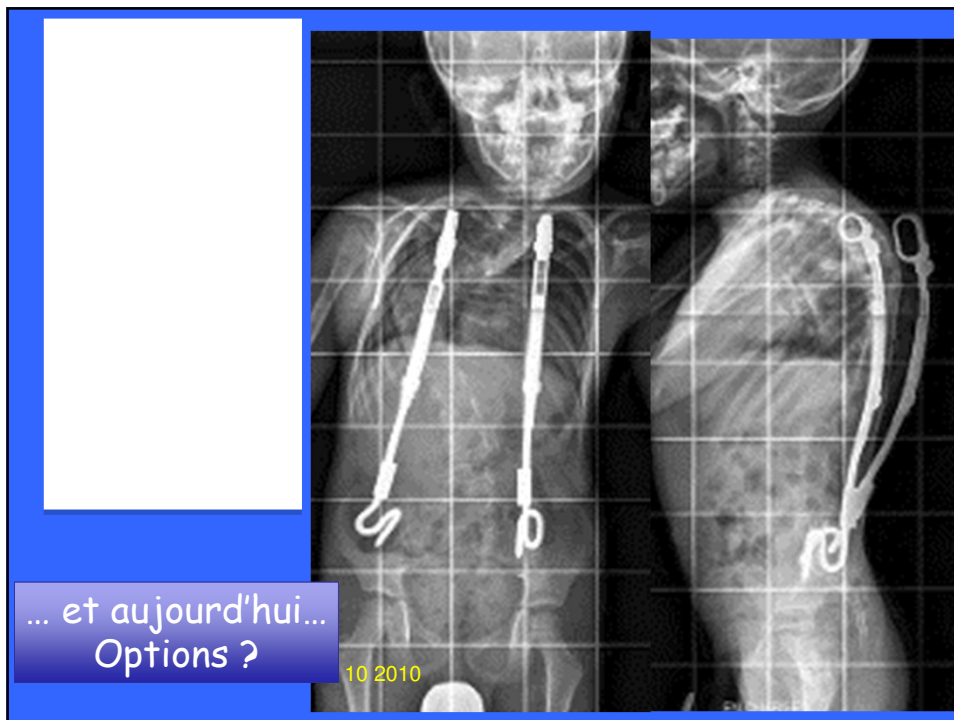


Août 2006:  
- perte d'appui 4<sup>ème</sup> côte  
- bon équilibre avec les deux tiges



Changement du distracteur droit

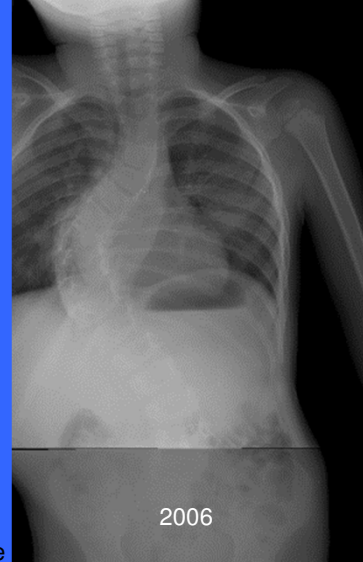




Boy, born 2003 : Neurofibromatosis

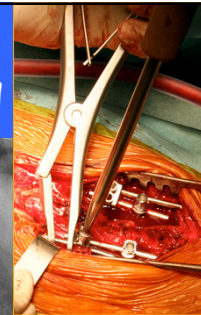
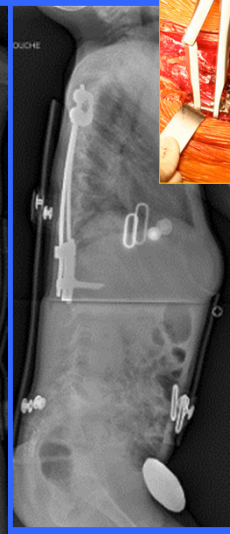
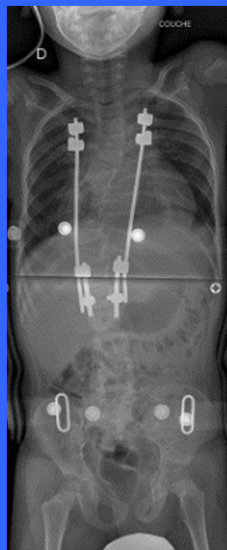
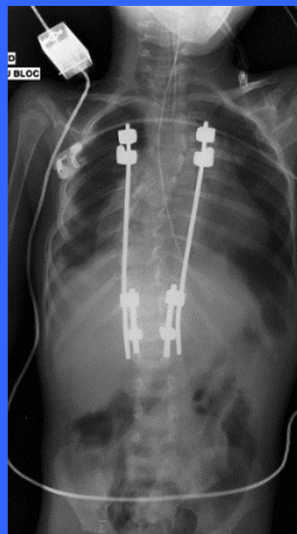


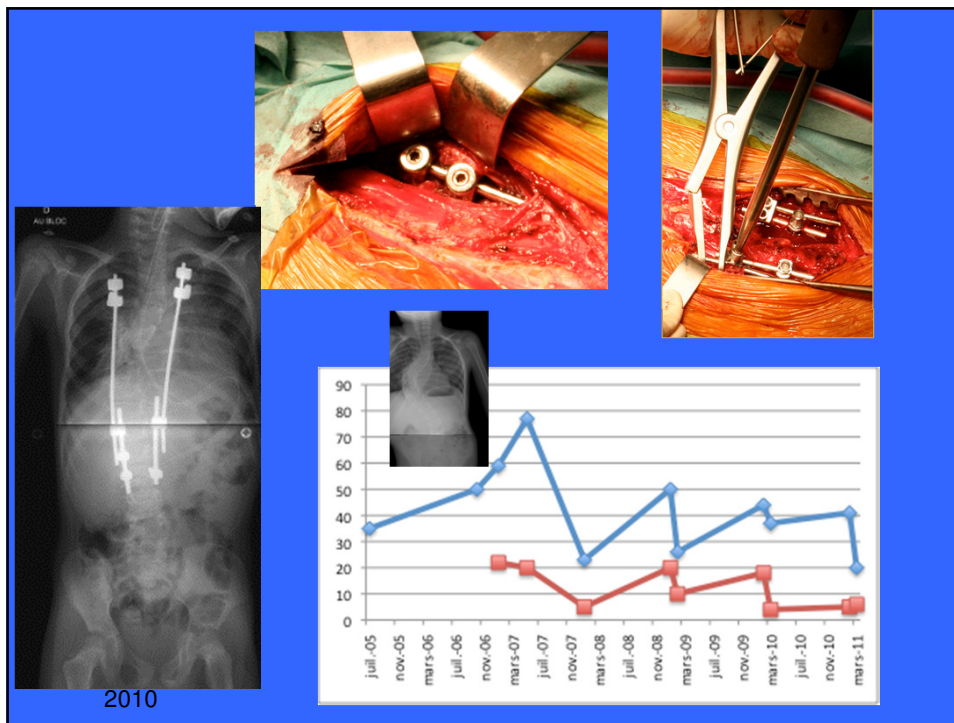
June 2005 = 30°  
October 2006 = 75°



Halo gravity and anterior thoracic release

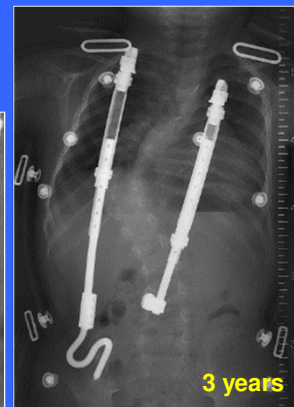
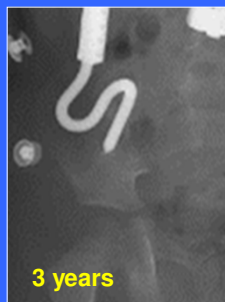
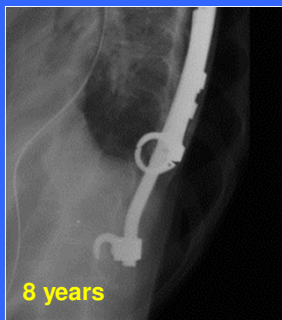
L1 - Rib distraction / 1st Lengthening





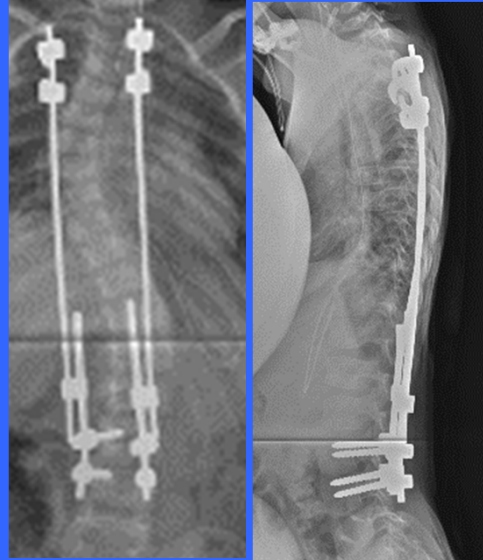
# 1. Taille des implants

- Avant 3 ans, le « VEPTR » est gros
  - Fixation costale
  - Crochets laminaires
  - Fixation iliaque



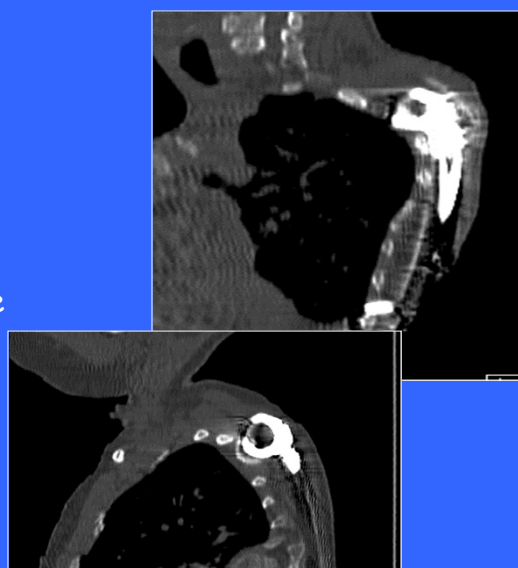
## 2. Appuis distal rachis

- Double vis pédiculaires
- Fixation pelvienne = ILIAQUE



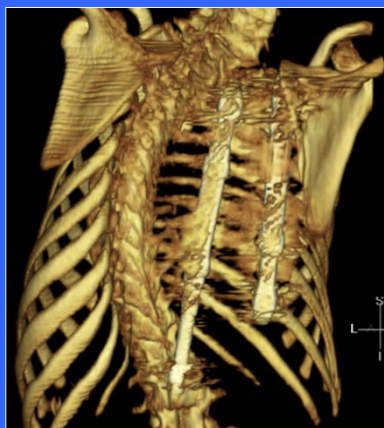
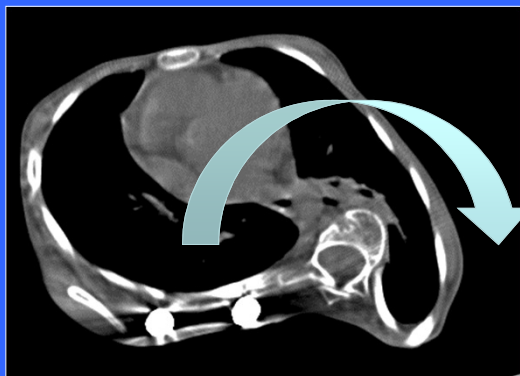
## 3. Arrachage d'appui costal et cyphose

- Même si l'appui est extrapériosté
- Induit par la rigidité de l'appui lombaire ou iliaque
- Cyphose sus-jacente

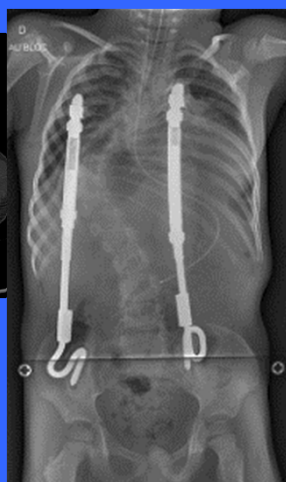
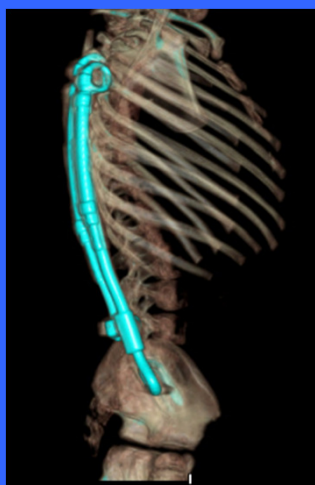


## 4. Rotation vertébrale

- La distraction concave augmente la rotation
- Les implants poussent vers l'avant



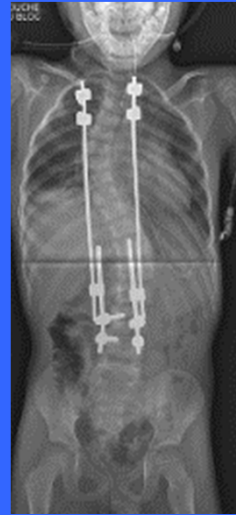
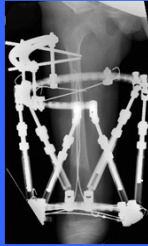
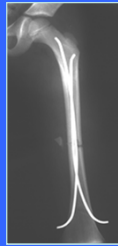
L'appui convexe équilibre le plan horizontal



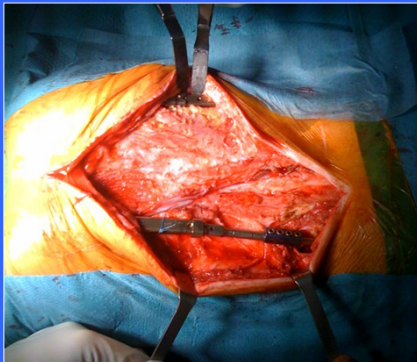


## 5. Stiff or not stiff ?

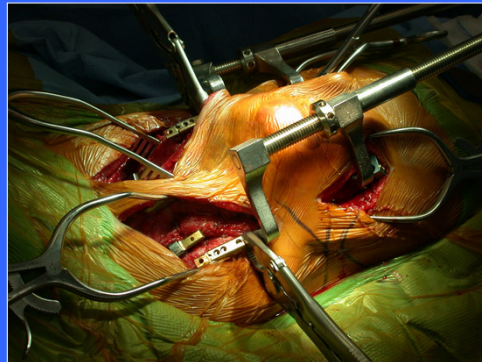
- Tige proximale : 3.5 mm
- Tige distale : 4.5 mm
- Arrachage costal proxi = 0 (Nancy series - Eva Polirstock)
- « Flexible rib distractor » ?



## 6. Incision médiane postérieure

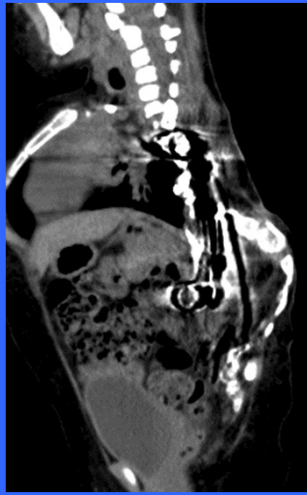


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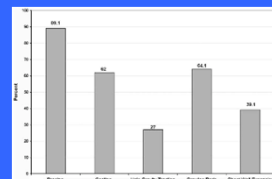
R Campbell

Fille 8 ans, myelomenigocèle  
niveau T12, opérée 17 fois  
ailleurs....



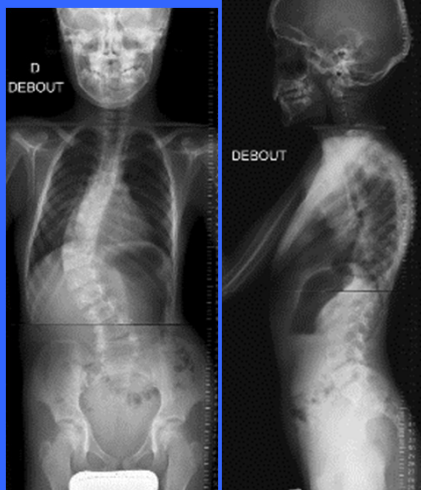
## Traitement actuel POSNA

- 1<sup>er</sup> Scénario : 2 ans, 50° progressive, RVAD > 20° , phase 2
  - 55.7% = plâtres - corsets
  - 32.9% = corsets
- 2<sup>ème</sup> Scénario : 5 ans, 70° progressive
  - 52.9% = growing rod construct
  - 10.1% = chest wall expansion device
- Halo = 27%



CL, né en 1998

2001 = 20° , 2003 = 30° , plâtres & corsets



2007



Deux tiges de croissance,  
Legacy 4.5 mm

## Conclusion

### Distraction costale

1. Gagner du temps sur la rigidité du rachis / GR
2. Débuter à 50° Cobb - Halo si > 80°
3. Double tiges - droite et gauche
4. Solide fixation inférieure (vis - iliaque)
5. Fixation costale « élastique »
6. Si cyphose = halo, libération antérieure et fixation haute T1 - T2
7. Abord sous fascial toujours médian



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