### Nutritional Status: Management of the Emaciated



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- Up to date in Program Book
- None related to this talk

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# Our Low-BMI Poster Child

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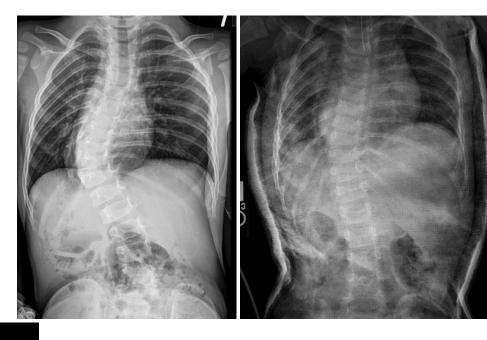
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Recurrent respiratory infections in cast Trouble feeding, with wt. loss Family, medical team asks for brace

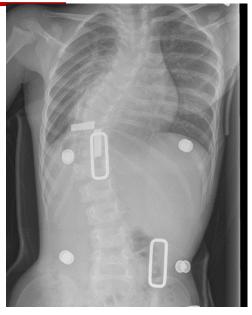


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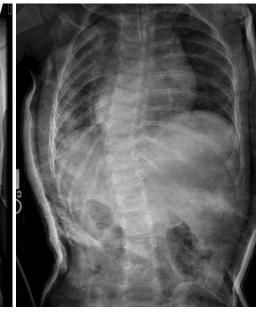


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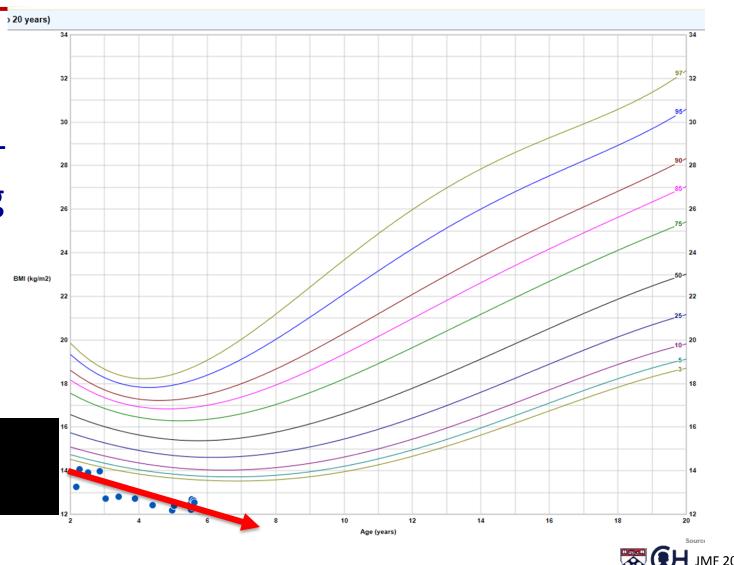


Brace: easier to feed and deal with pulm infections
Maintains curve in 60s/70s

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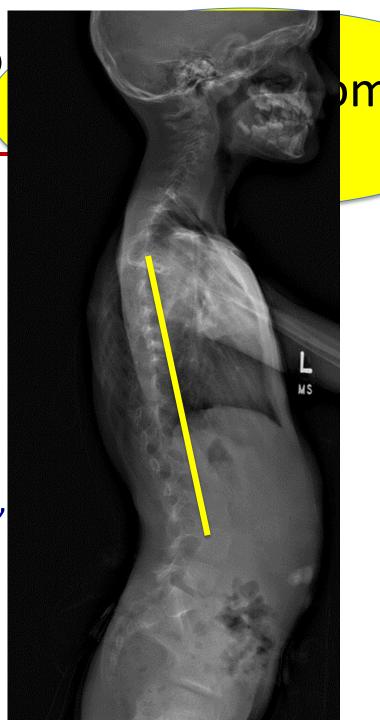
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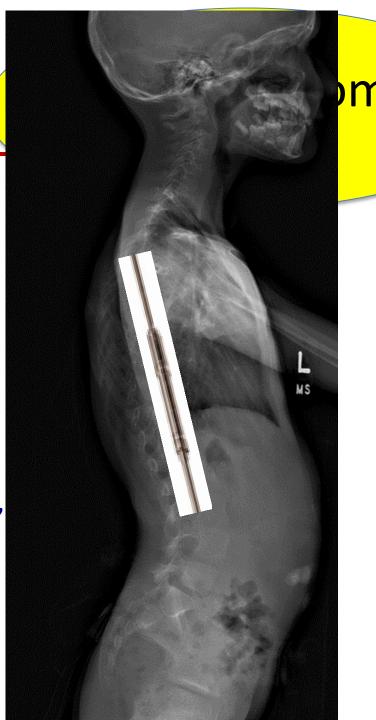






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# The Conundrum

#### The TIS Cycle of Doom

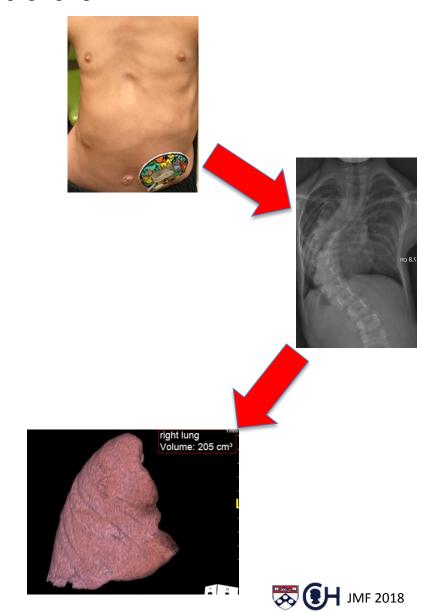
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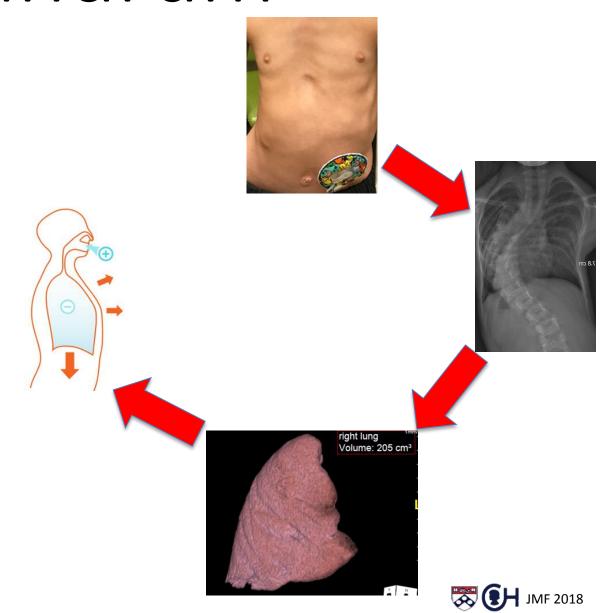
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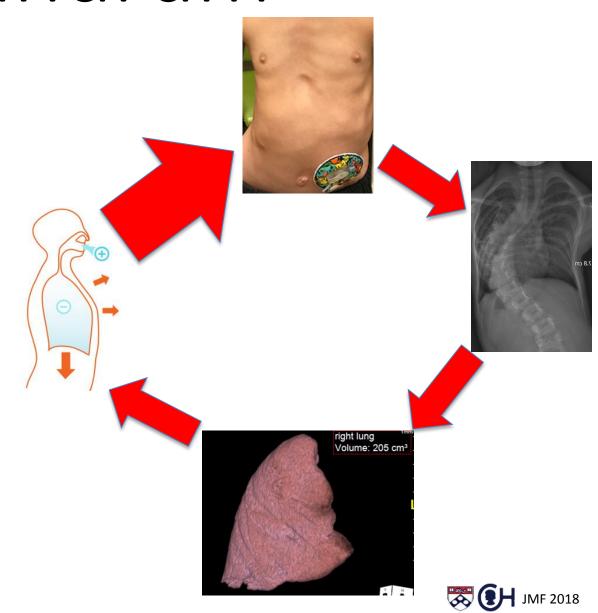
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What do we know: Surgery & The Emaciated

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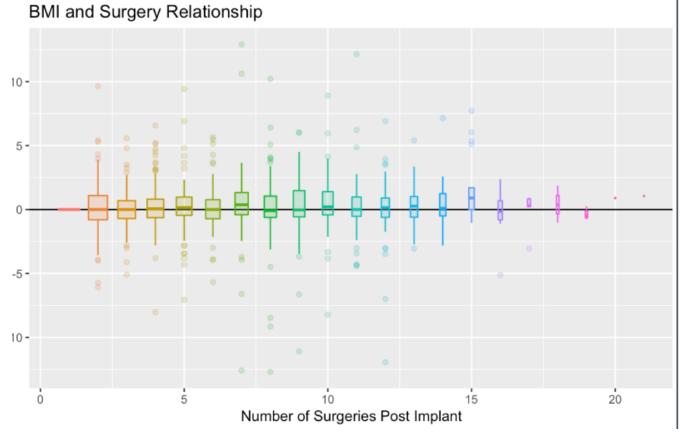
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- <u>J Heart Lung Transplant</u> 2007: Decreased graft survival in low BMI heart transplant kids
- <u>Circulation</u> 2017: Both obese and underweight kids at higher risk in congenital heart surgery
- <u>J Heart Lung Transplant</u> 2015: Low body mass index is associated with increased waitlist mortality among children listed for heart transplant

Challenging data: need hts for BMI SUIS 742 procedures kids with BMI <18.5 = 73% Most very low; no clear trend up with treatment

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#### Surgery & The Emaciated

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- 35 kids (10 with BMI < 5%) initial VEPTR insertion
- Same complications rates low v. normal BMI
  - -Skin
  - -SSI
  - —Anchor failure

#### Surgery & The Emaciated

#### Is HGT the cure?

- Boston: Gomez. et al. JPO 2017: Staged Growing Rods With Preimplantation of Spinal Anchors for Complex Early Onset Scoliosis—8 pts with bad bone or signal loss. "Helpful"
- Wash U: Bogunovic <u>Spine Deform.</u> 2013: Preoperative Halo-Gravity Traction for Severe Pediatric Spinal Deformity: Complications, Radiographic Correction and Changes in Pulmonary Function— 33pts, 19/22 with PFTs had improvement
- ~ 20 HGT papers yesterday
  - Clearly value in certain deformities
  - -Some pulm. value
  - —Can you wait for the weight?

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# Recommendations

### For The Emaciated



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  - -Start @ 7-8 y/o: you might survive PHV

#### Delay! (the lesson of 20 yrs as EOS Surgeon)

- Exhaust casting and bracing before instrumentation
- Delay tactics may impact pulmonary and feeding
- May contribute to Cycle of Doom
- HGT may help
  - Decrease implant complications
  - -Improve pulmonary function



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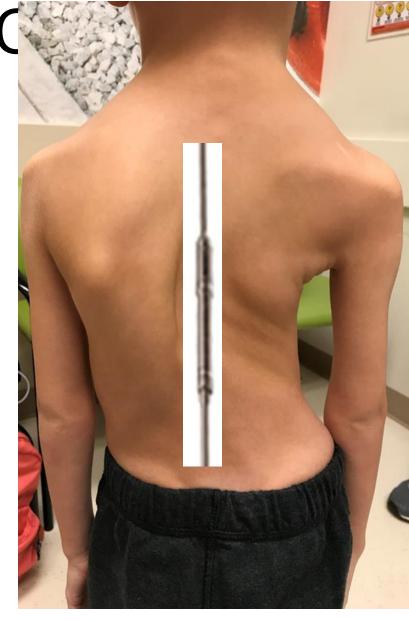
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- Last week he won "next available slot"
- He'll get some MAGEC in Feb. '19



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Good luck, Bud!

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