

# VEPTR: Who is (was...) my ideal patient for VEPTR

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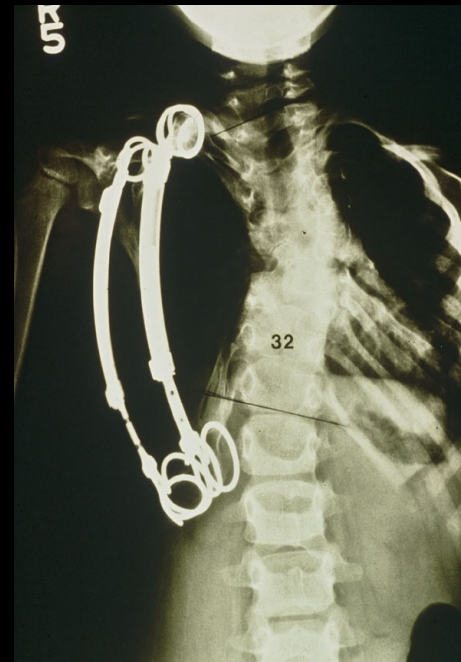
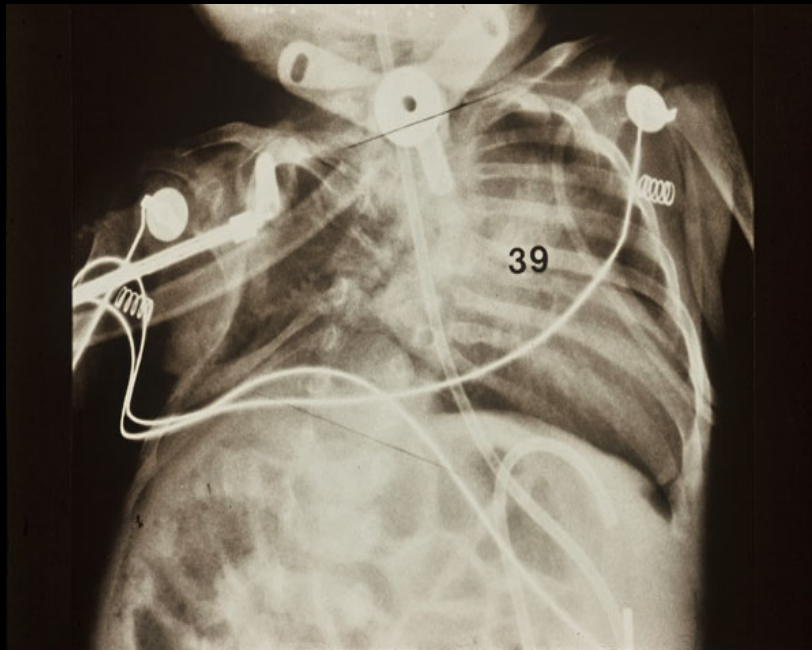
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# My Initial introduction to VEPTR: 1994

R. Campbell and M. Smith:

- “Treatment of Lethal Thoracic Insufficiency with a Titanium Rib”



WOA, August, 1993

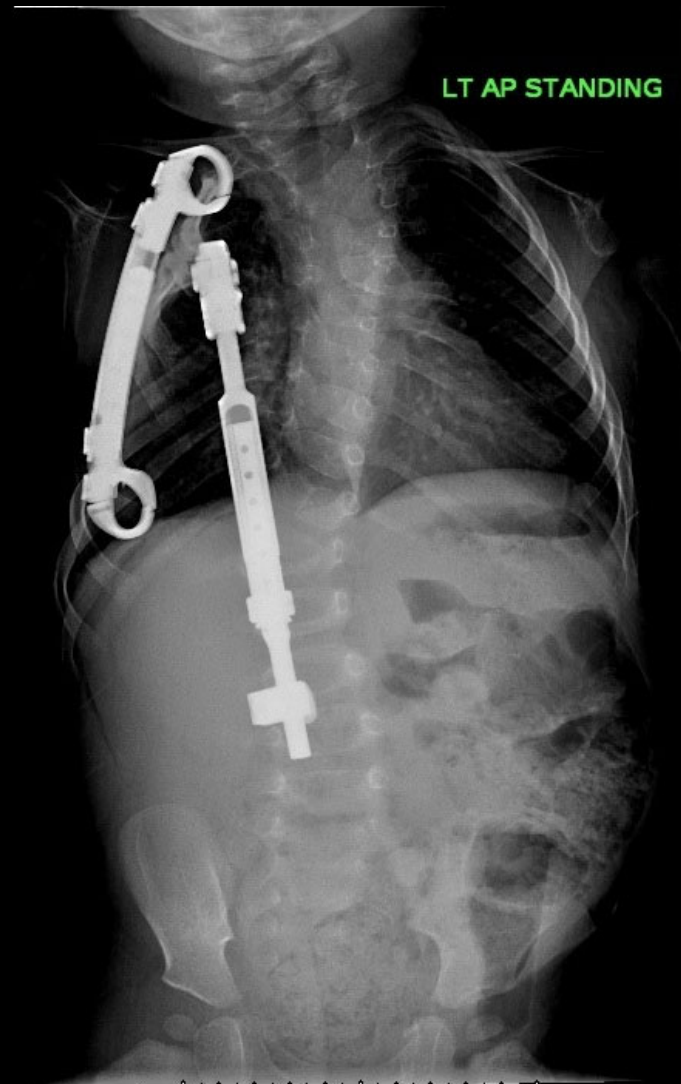
# deal Indication

Treatment of TIS secondary to a  
low volume thorax

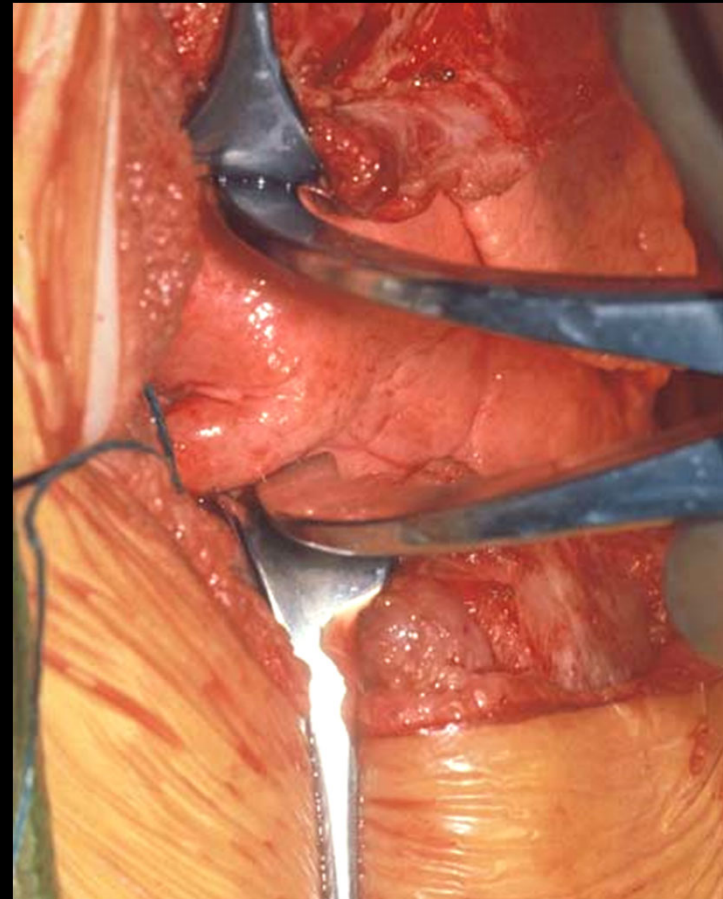
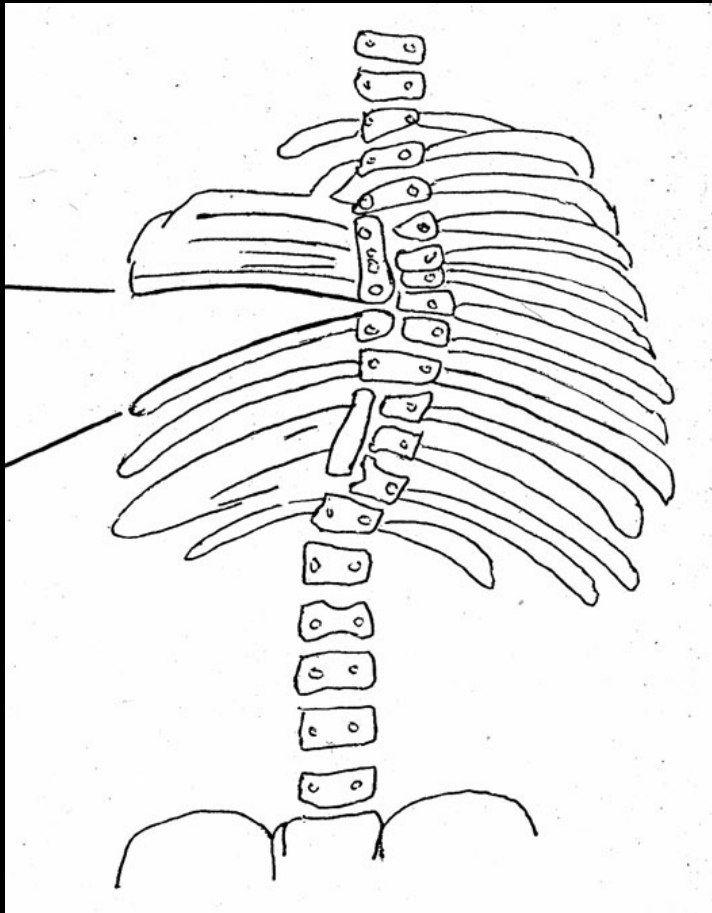




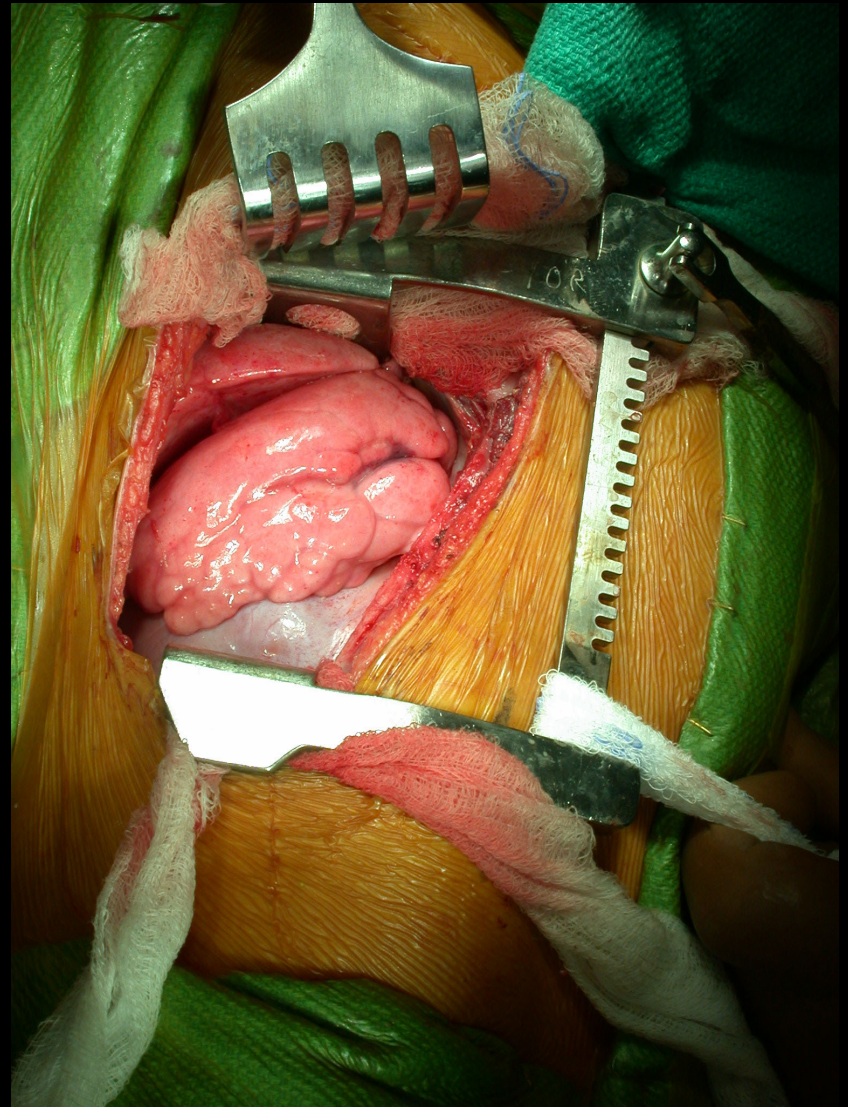
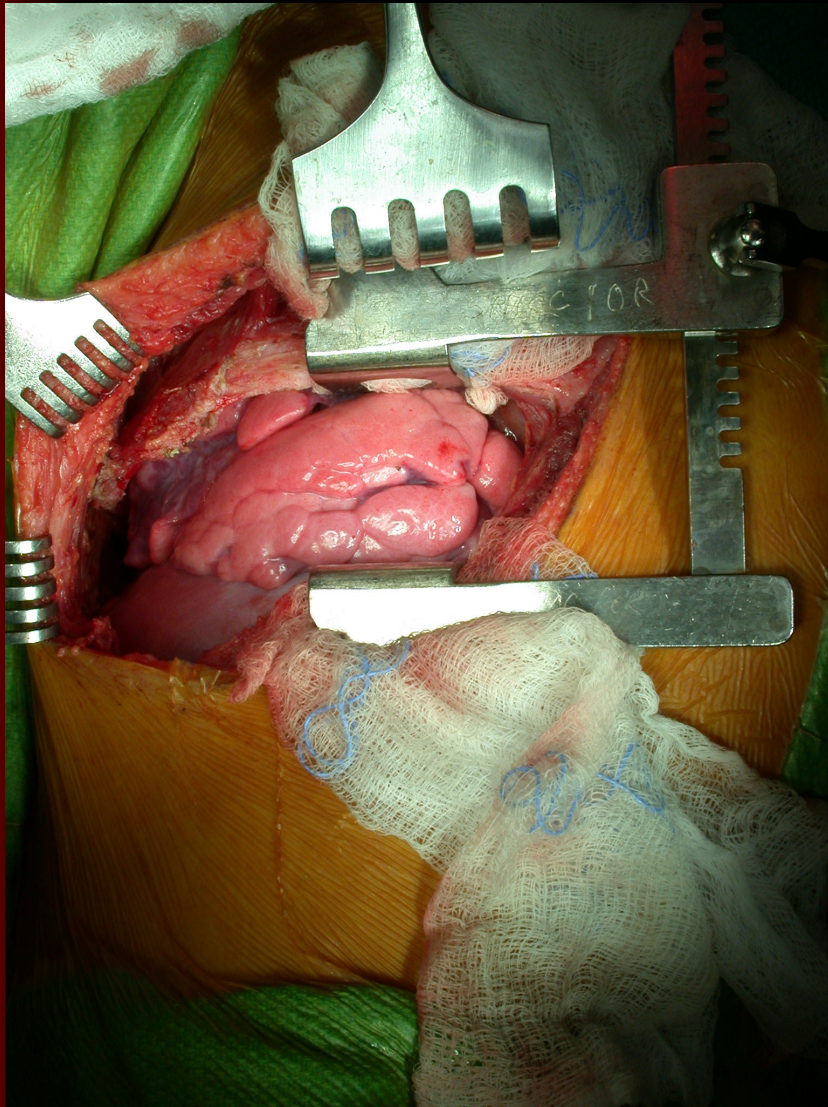
# Congenital Scoliosis and Fused Ribs



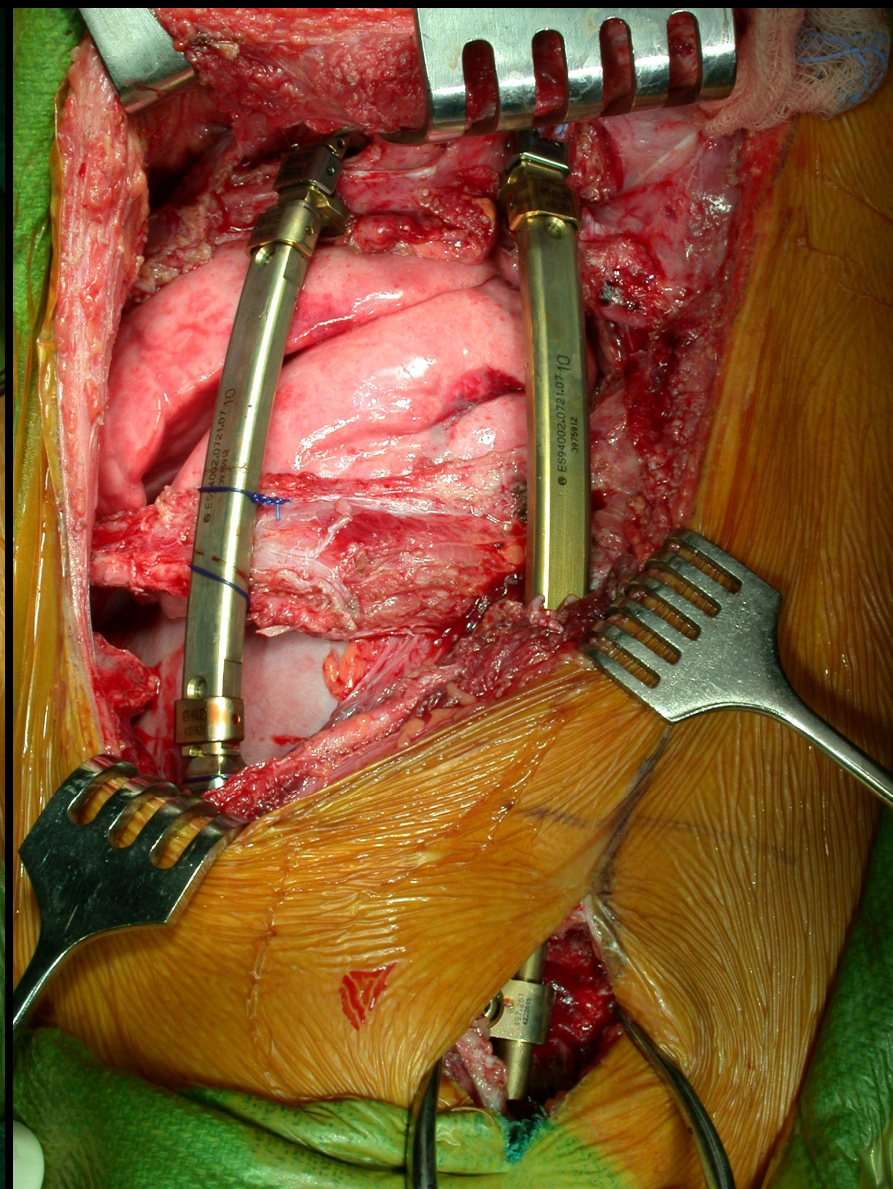
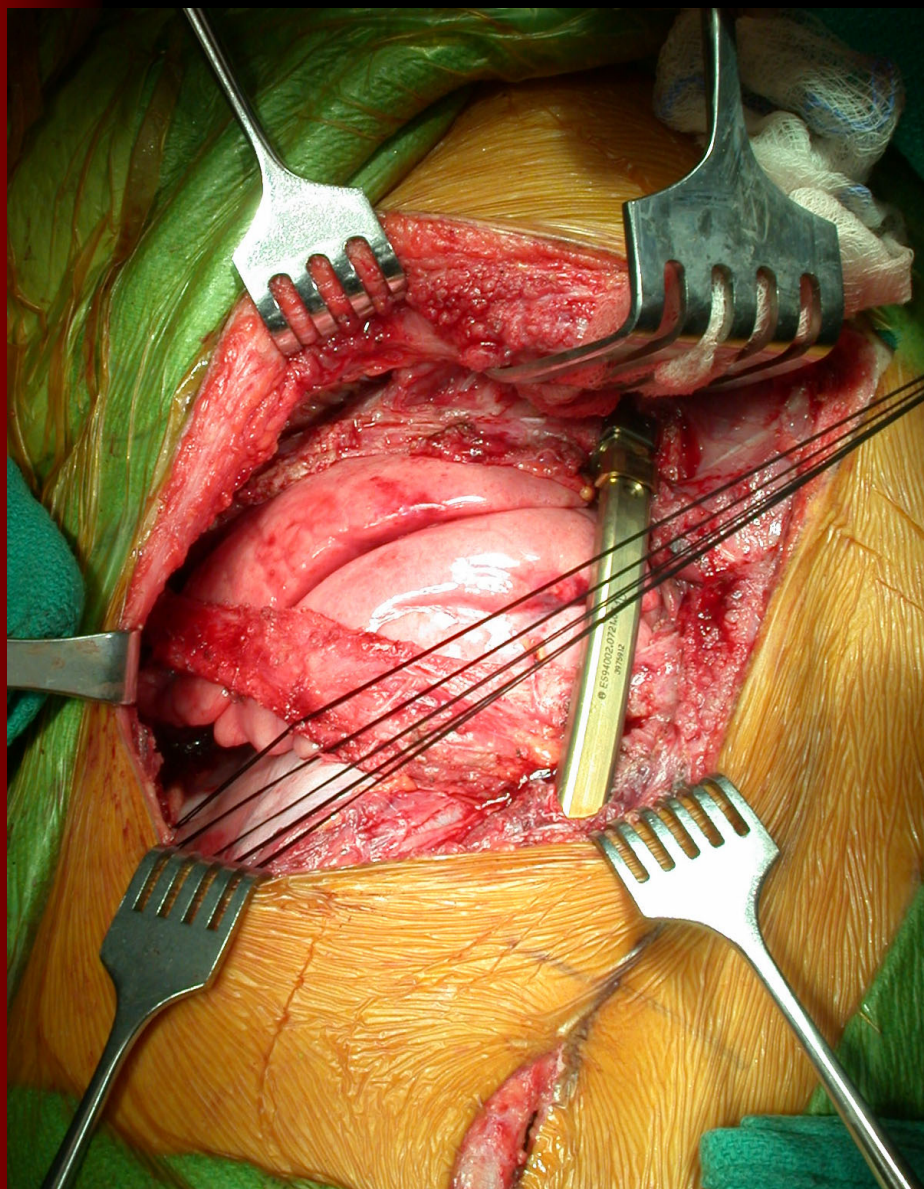
# Opening Wedge Thoracostomy





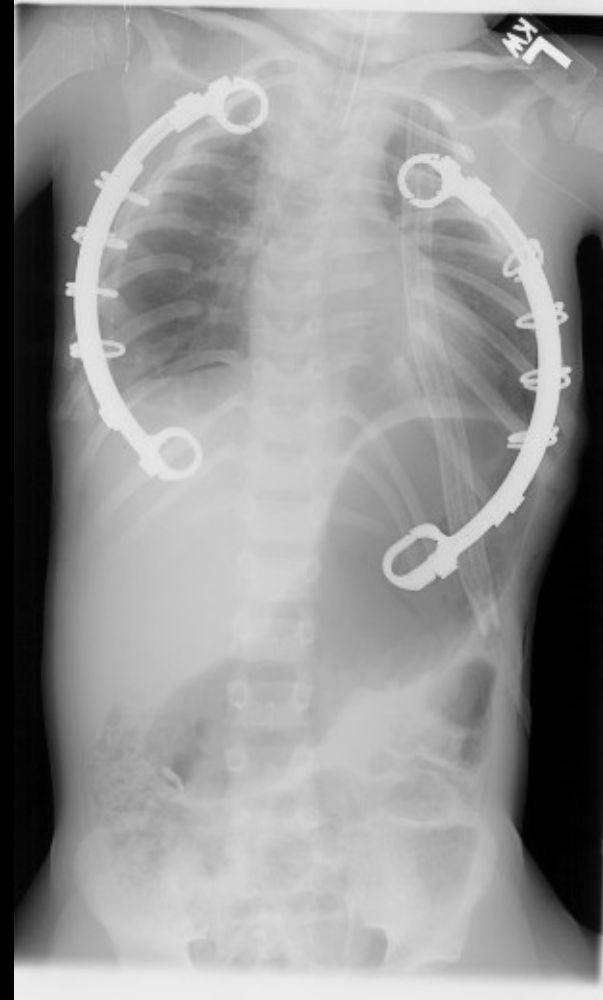
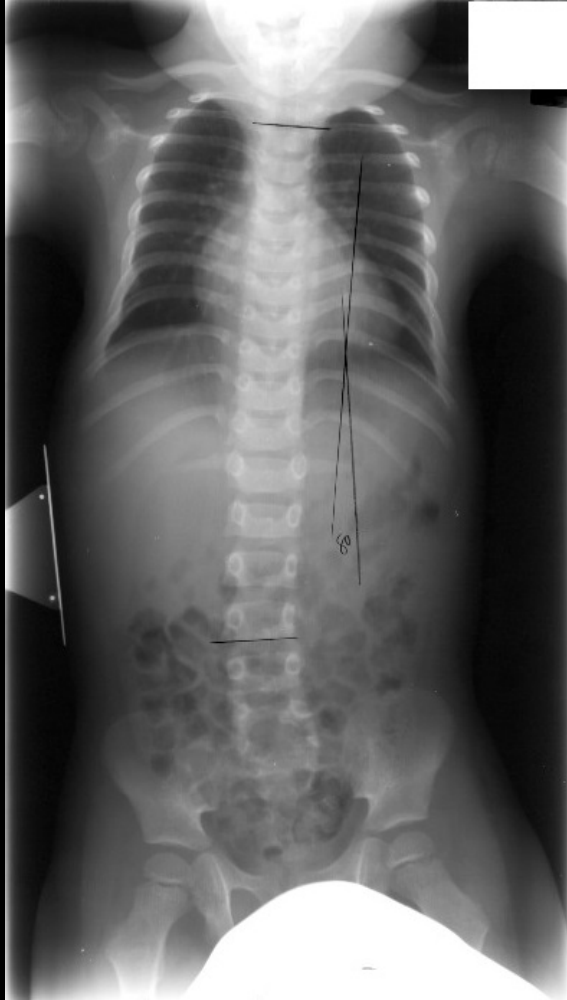




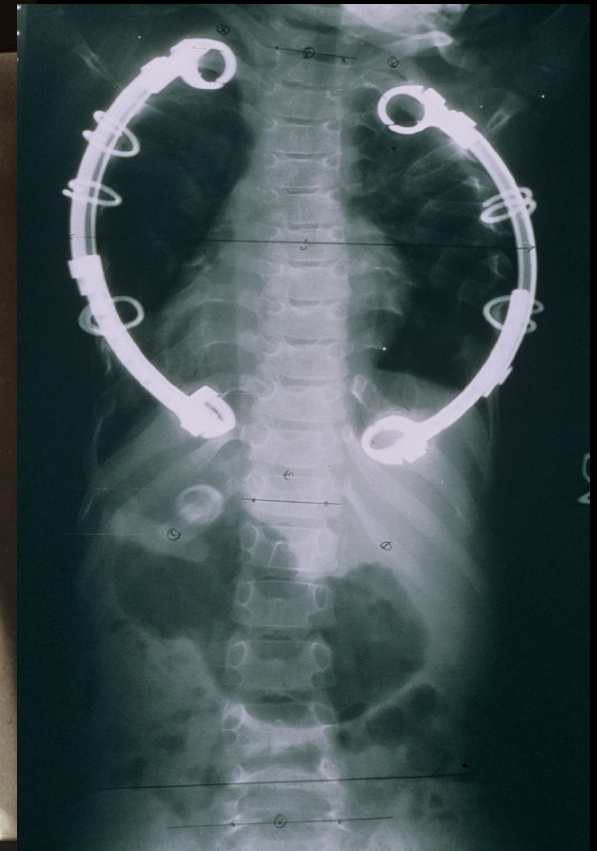
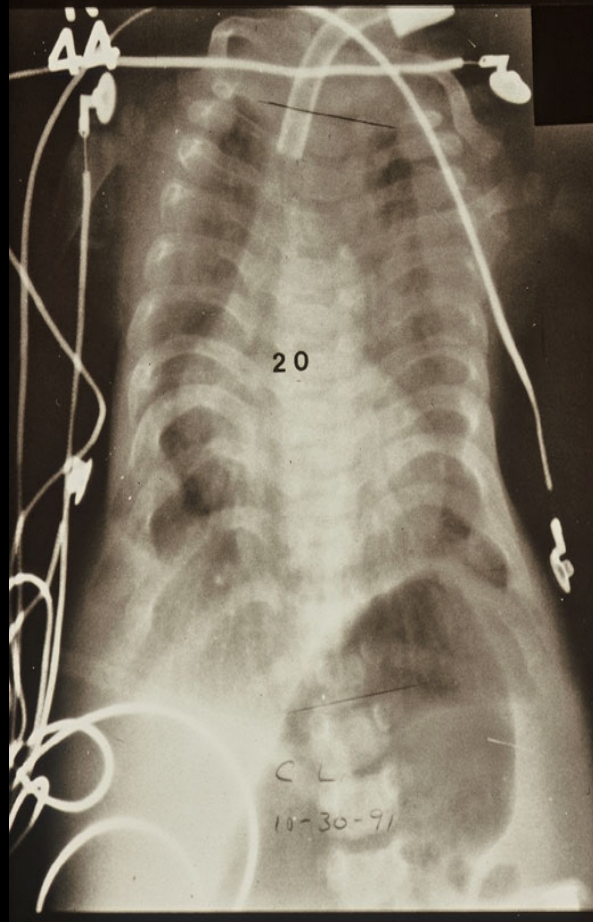
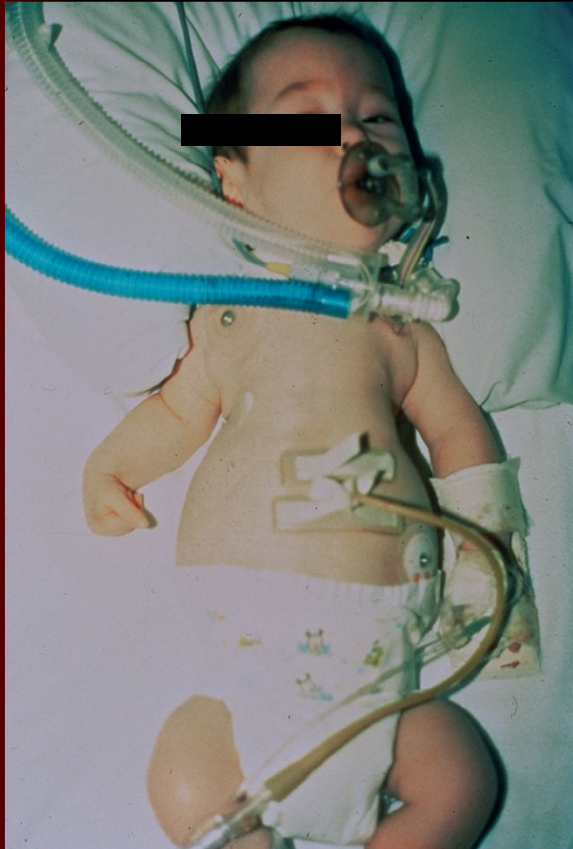




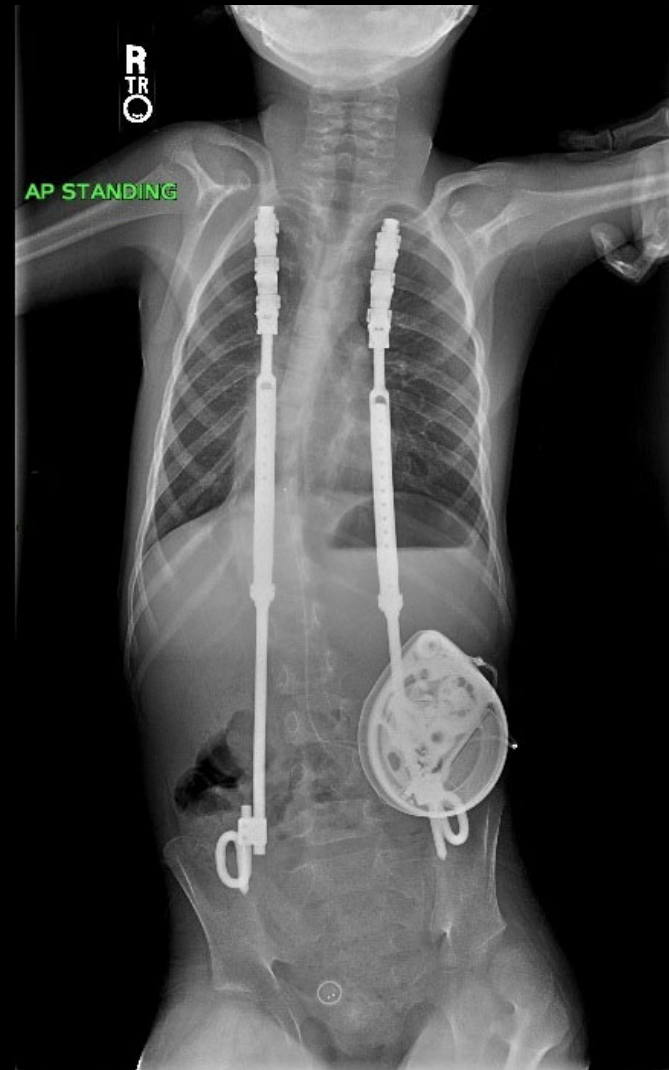
# Thoracic Dystrophy/Spondylocostal Dysplasia



# Type IIb: Jeune's Syndrome (Asphyxiating Thoracic Dystrophy)



# Neuromuscular EOS: Rib to Pelvis Technique



# Bob Campbell:

“This is a clear example of  
someone who does not  
understand VEPTR...”



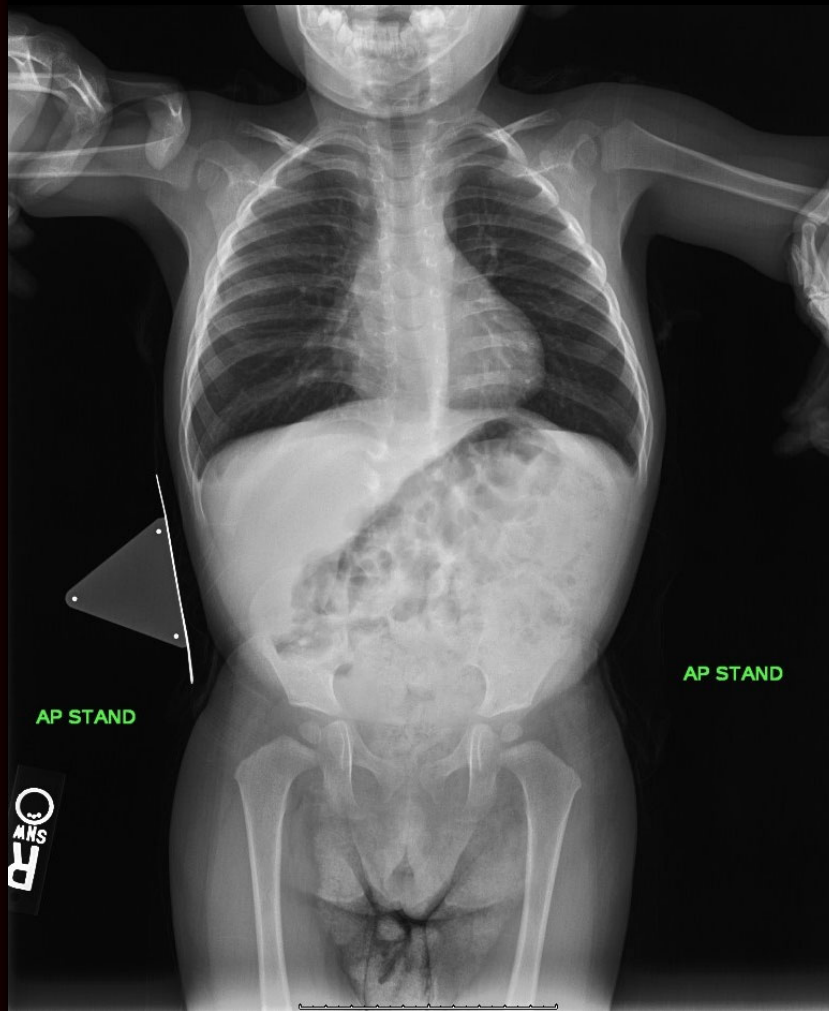


# Gibbus Deformity: Early VEPTR Rib to Pelvis



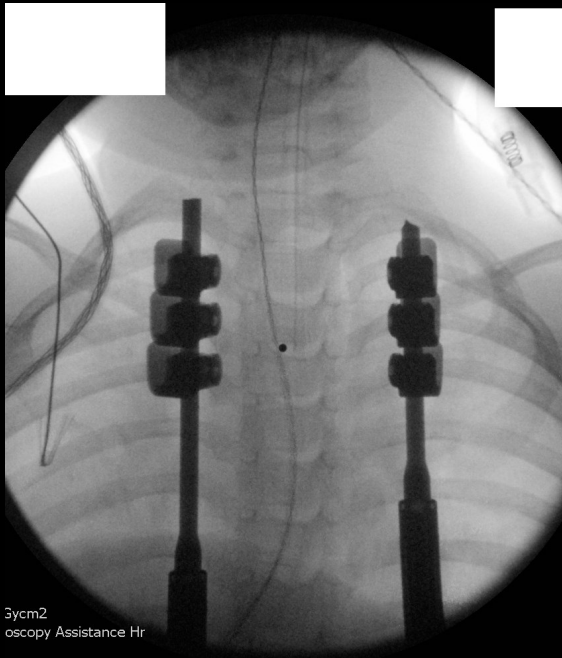
Smith: JBJS, 2010

# But now....

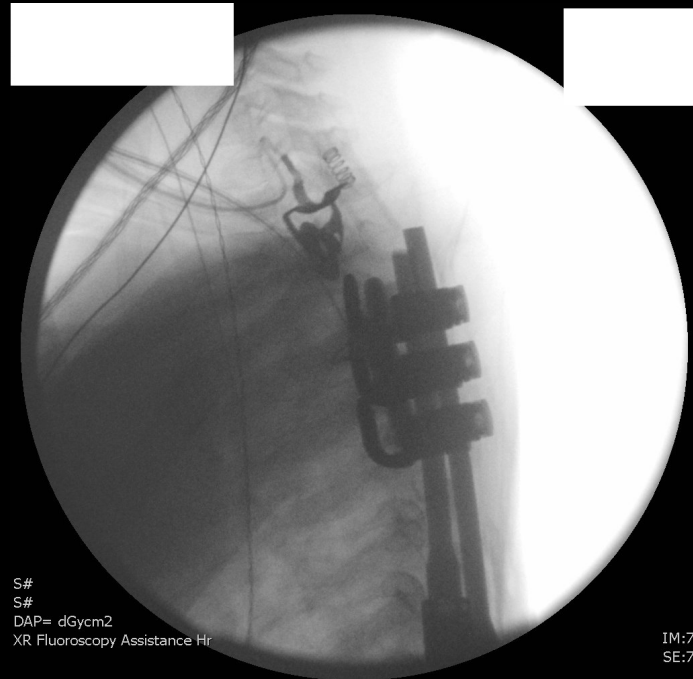


# Rib to Pelvis MCGR



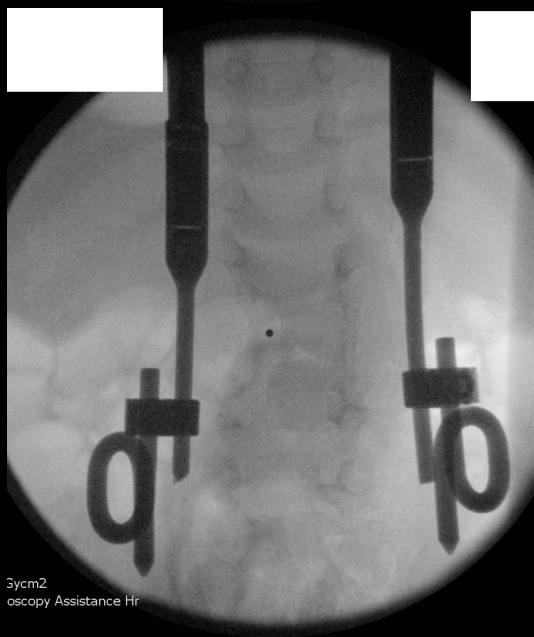


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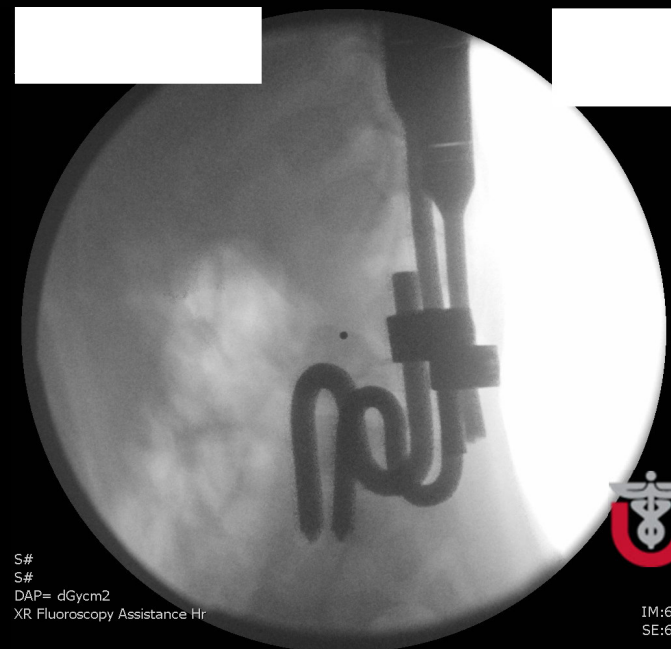


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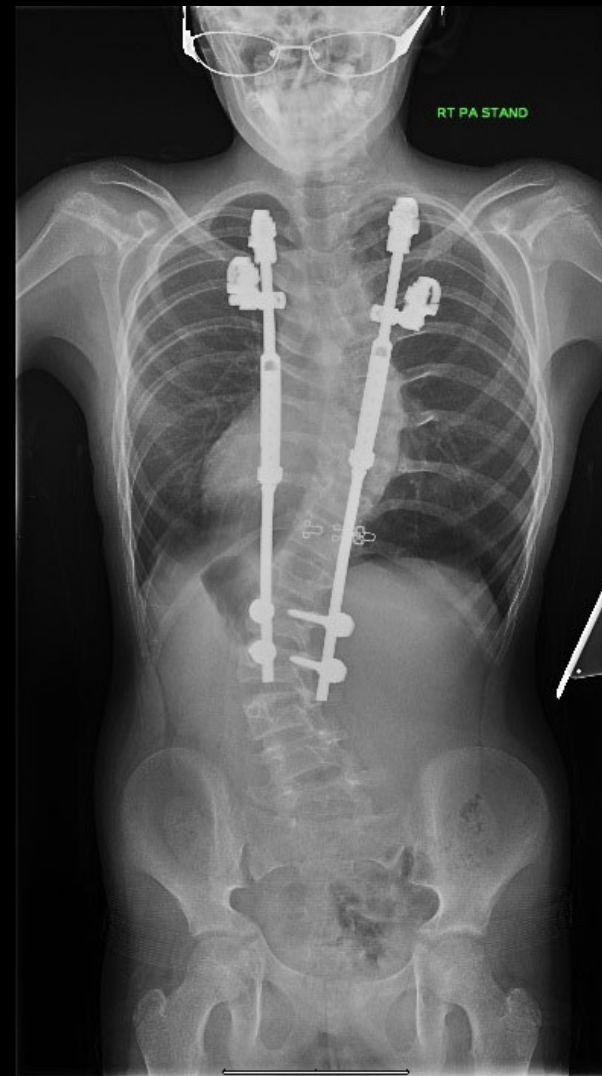


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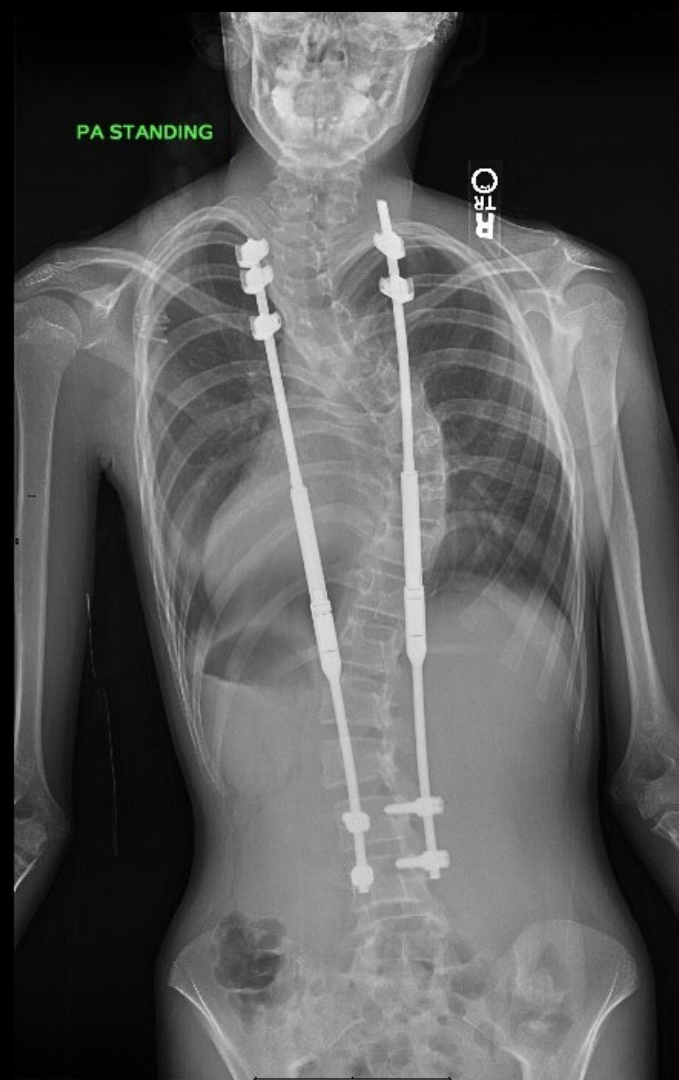




# Infantile EOS: Rib to Spine VEPTR

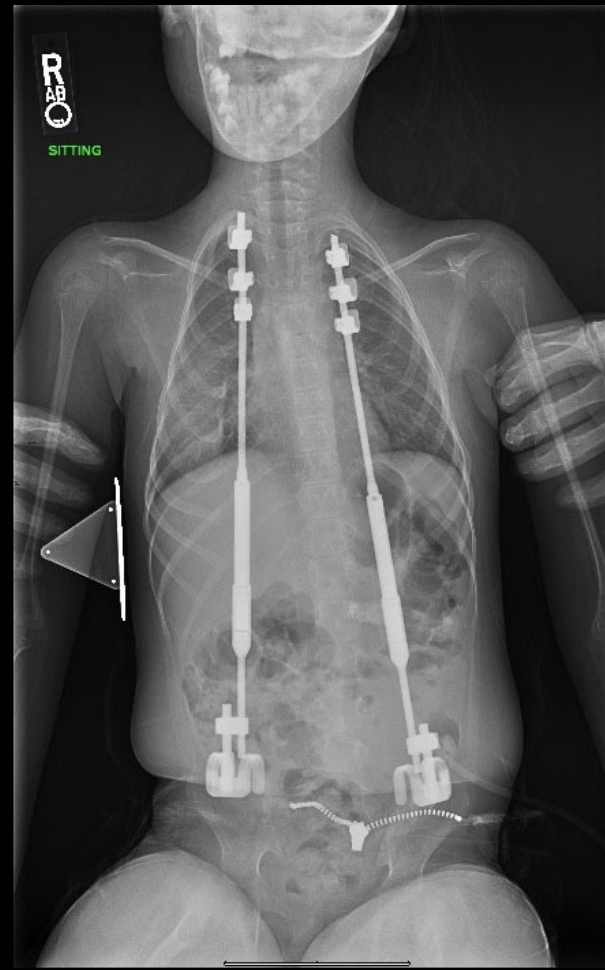
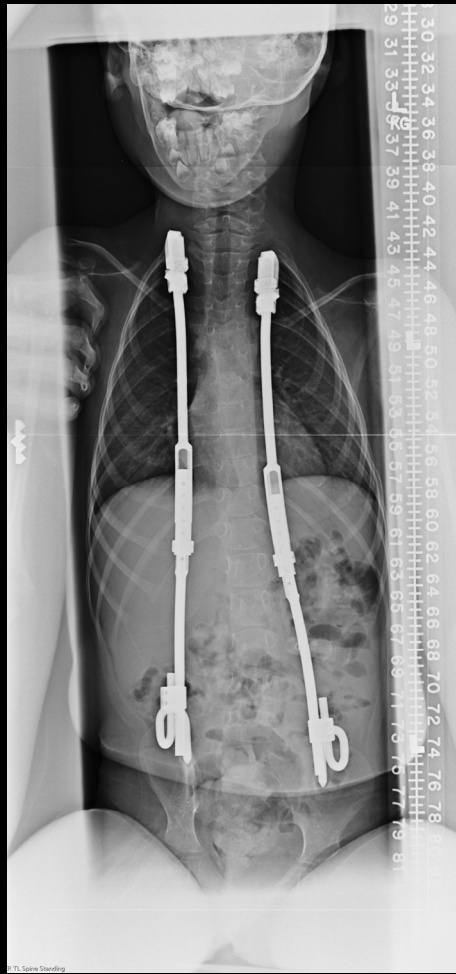


# But, now.....MCGR



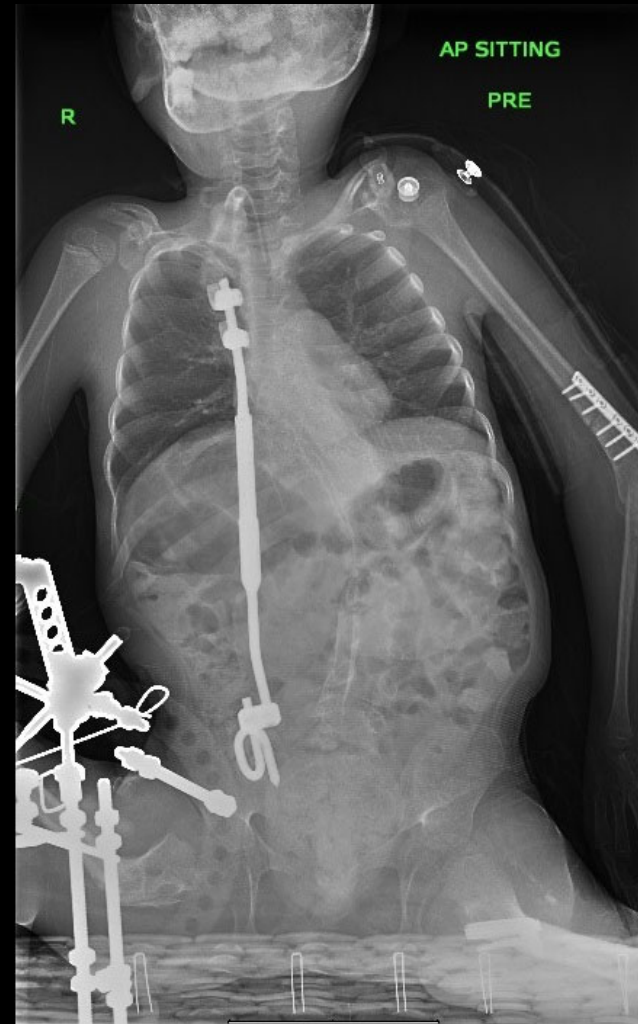


# Congenital Myopathy: VEPTR, now MCGR





# Arthrogryposis: VEPTR to MCGR



# VEPTR

- The ingenious invention of Bob Campbell and Melvin Smith
- Changed the management of chest wall and spine deformity from growing rods alone



# However,

- Requires repetitive surgeries to lengthen
- Significant complication rate as with all “growth-friendly” surgery
- ***Parents*** are requesting MCGR
- Still has a role in the low-volume thorax requiring a thoracostomy



# The future?

- Magnetically controlled lengthening (The mythical VEPTR XT.....?)
- Hydraulic/implantable motors
- ???



# VEPTR.....?



# Thank you



Future spine surgeon????